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PLAN TO LICENSE BANKERS AND BANK EMPLOYEES Immediate Start on William Pearce Scheme Urged

GRAVE PLIGHT OF DRY AREAS CALLS FOR QUICK ACTION

Immediate Start of Work-for-Wages Projects to Fit Into Large Planning Urged

WILLIAM PEARCE SCHEME

Acadia Farm Convention Seeks Immediate Action on Debts—Effective Wheat Board Sought

Earnest advocacy of the William Pearce water diversion scheme was given by the recent annual convention of Acadia U.F.A. Federal constituency association. Pointing out the desperate plight of many farmers in the dry areas, the resolution asked both Provincial and Federal Governments to commence work immediately on work-for-wages projects which could later become part and parcel of the complete scheme.

The whole problem of farm debts was also recommended to both Governments for immediate and earnest consideration; and the Convention reaffirmed demand for an effective Wheat Board, and asked the Provincial Government to make arrangements for the Municipal Hail Board to function in 1938.

Other resolutions asked the Federal and Provincial Governments and the railways to bear the cost of bringing potatoes and other vegetables into the dry areas; that arrangements be made to provide feed, fuel oil and seed relief during the coming winter and not after the seeding season commenced, as in the spring of 1937; for representation of farmers from the drought areas at future meetings of the Rehabilitation Board; setting up of a Federal commission for marketing of livestock this fall, from dry areas; that School Districts assume responsibility for payment of Grade XII fees; and that the number of Health Units in the Province be increased.

Junior Oratorical Contest

An annual feature of Acadia conventions of particular interest was the Junior oratorical contest, first place going to Anna Sutherland who took for her topic, "Resolved that there should be a Junior Local of the U.F.A. in every community," and second to Nancy I. Hill, speaking on the same subject. Third award went to James Carter, speaking on "What we can do to combat the menace of cutworms, sawfly and grasshoppers," while fourth and fifth places were taken by Gladys Pringle and George Thring. Mrs. Mary Banner presided over this contest.

Irvine on Danger of Fascism

The danger of Fascism and the threat of war, menacing conditions in the Far East and in Europe, were discussed by William Irvine, speaking to a large crowd at the evening session.

To Speak in Calgary



Dr. Norman Bethune, chief of the Canadian Blood Transfusion Unit with the Loyalist forces in Spain, will address a meeting in the Central United Church, Calgary, on Monday, August 16th, commencing at 8 p.m. Charge for admission will be 25 cents, and the proceeds after meeting expenses will be devoted to carrying on the life-saving work of the unit. Dr. Bethune will also address a meeting at Drumheller, on Sunday, August 15th. Last month he had a most enthusiastic reception when he spoke in Edmonton. He has recently been the guest speaker of an important medical body in California.

Advices Dry Areas Liquidate Livestock

REGINA, Aug. 4th. — Farmers in the drought areas of Western Canada should liquidate as much of their livestock as possible while prices are comparatively good, advised Hon. J. G. Gardiner.

The visit of the King and Queen to Ireland was the signal for a number of bombings and explosions in Belfast and along the Irish Free State frontier. No lives were lost.

Mr. Irvine traced these evils to their roots and showed their connection with the more immediate problems of farmers and working people, and the remedies proposed by the C.C.F.

Other speakers at the convention were W. O. Turner, of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act and R. W. Peake, in charge of re-grassing experiments in the dry area.

J. A. Cameron was elected president and Mrs. R. Price vice-president. The directors are S. R. Hooper, Mrs. Mary Banner, Charles Mills, Mrs. Roy Merriken, Lorne Proudfoot, Mrs. Laura Bishop, George Hanson, Mrs. J. M. Pearce; and J. K. Sutherland continues in the post of secretary-treasurer.

LEADER WHEAT CROP CONTEST

An important notice of interest to all who have entered this contest—and to all others who would like to win \$100—appears on page 9.

\$100 LICENSE FOR BANK BUILDINGS; \$5 EACH EMPLOYEE

Penalties up to \$10,000 for Failure Obtain License—Sales Tax Remitted

EDMONTON, Aug. 4th. — The key Social Credit measure was introduced in the Assembly today by Hon. Solon Low, Provincial Treasurer.

It provides for the licensing of all banks operating within the Province within 14 days of the coming into force of the act.

The license fee in respect to every bank building will be \$100. All banking employees must also be licensed, within 21 days of the coming into force of the act, the fee being \$5 for each employee.

For failure to obtain a license penalties ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 are provided.

Procedure in respect to applications for licenses will be prescribed by the Social Credit Board, which is the authority to be placed in full control of the administration of the act.

Unlicensed Will Lose Rights

Another bill provides that no bank employee who fails to obtain a license shall be able to enforce any claim in law or equity through the courts.

Removal or remission of the sales tax of two per cent, on September 1st next, was also announced by Mr. Low.

Premier Aberhart declared the new legislation would not rob the banks of anything nor interfere with their manner of carrying on business.

Local directorates consisting of three persons named by the Social Credit Board and two by the banks will be set up.

Many Pay Tribute to Late Editor

HANNA, July 30th. — Attended by a very large number of people from the surrounding district and many from other parts of the Province, the funeral of H. G. McCrea, for 25 years editor of the *Hanna Herald*, and for many years secretary-treasurer of the Alberta Weekly Newspaper Association, was held today while flags flew half-mast and business stopped. The funeral was held on the lawn of the McCrea home, the crowd being too large for any building in the town, and literally dry-loads of flowers bore witness to the affection and esteem in which Mr. McCrea was held.

NEW BILLS WILL ENDOW BODY WITH GREAT AUTHORITY

Most Important Measure Still Secret at Opening Wednesday's Sitting

"CREDIT COMMISSION"

One Act Provides for Temporary Credit Commission to Be Appointed by Board

EDMONTON, Aug. 4. — Wide powers and complete authority to make effective any plans which they may consider necessary to "make available the credit of Alberta to the people of the Province" will be given to the Alberta Social Credit Board under the terms of amendments to the Social Credit Act introduced by the Provincial Treasurer, Hon. Solon Low.

The bill is the first of two or more which, it is understood, will affect the powers of the board and deal in other ways with the introduction of Social Credit.

Main Bill to Come

Secrecy is still maintained in regard to a bill which was to have been introduced today by Mr. Low. At the last minute, however, introduction was delayed, and while it is stated its terms have been revealed to the caucus, to those outside the caucus the bill remains a mystery. This will be the main Social Credit bill of the session.

Legislation already introduced, amending the Treasury Act, gives the Government power to deposit any funds which it may take in, in any institution which it may select within the power of the Province. At present it is compelled by law to deposit its funds in one or more of the chartered banks.

A most important section of the bill to amend the Social Credit Act empowers the board to "do such acts and doings as it may from time to time deem proper for the purpose of promoting, conserving and enhancing the social credit of the province; and for that purpose the board may expend any monies appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for the expense of the Board as the Board in its discretion considers necessary for the discharge of said functions."

Appointment of a "temporary provincial Credit Commission" by the Social Credit Board, pending setting up of a permanent commission, is provided in another section of the act.

Adoption of the address in reply to the speech from the throne was moved yesterday by A. J. Hooke, member for Red Deer, and seconded by O. E. Duke, Rocky Mountain. The address was adopted after a brief debate.

Fred V. Stone, secretary to the Premier and to former Premier R. G. Reid, has resigned.

Sir Charles Saunders—A Great Canadian

From Broadcast by W. Norman Smith, Editor "The Western Farm Leader," July 28th, over Radio Station CFAC

In view of the recently announced death of Sir Charles Saunders, the creator of Marquis Wheat, I propose to discuss for a few minutes the significance of the life and achievements of that distinguished Canadian, whose memory we Westerners have an especial reason for holding in the highest honor.

In the death of Dr. Saunders last Sunday, Canada loses a great scientist and one of her greatest sons. It is fitting that we should turn aside from consideration of our own grave economic problems to recall the career of a man who has done so much to transform the face of Western Canada, but who, in part owing to his own modesty and shrinking from publicity, and in part to the culpable neglect of many of the organs of opinion which create great reputations, remained a little known personality in this Dominion and in the wider world beyond.

Choice Before Mankind

Science has placed in the hands of man the means to bring about either the destruction of his civilization or its advancement to new heights in human welfare and human happiness. Today it is forging new weapons of

destruction which may blow to pieces, or poison in war, the inhabitants of its populous cities and its countryside. But the same knowledge and command over the forces of nature which mankind in its folly may use in a vast mass suicide, can, if we will it, be used as effectively to create for our own and future generations ever increasingly elevated standards of living and the realization of our noblest aspirations. Sir Charles Saunders chose to devote his genius entirely to scientific work for the benefit of his fellows rather than to their destruction.

From the days of his early life in the mid-nineteenth century, when he helped his father, William Saunders of London, Ontario, founder of the experimental farms of the Dominion Government, in his pioneering work, the man who gave Marquis wheat to Canada and the world lived a life of single-minded devotion to constructive scientific effort, even sacrificing in great degree the opportunity to develop his beloved music for which he had an undoubted talent. Even the most recently developed varieties of wheat, Garnet and Reward and others, were primarily the result of Sir Charles's work, as well as of those who worked

Originated Marquis Wheat



Sir Charles Saunders, who successfully developed Marquis and other frost-resistant wheats which have added immeasurably to the productivity of Western Canada and all northern wheat growing areas. Sir Charles died on Sunday, July 25th, at the age of 70.

with him or were inspired by his example.

My first farming experience was in 1906, in Manitoba. That was the year before the first experimental plots were planted to Marquis in the West, quickly to supplant the old Red Fyfe and other varieties (which matured in 1907, as in so many other years, much too late to escape the first fall frosts). Since then the whole of the West has been transformed, as a result, very largely, of Dr. Saunders' work.

If, in that period of thirty years, the farmers themselves have been deprived of much of the reward of their effort as producers; if the opening up of some areas for settlement was undertaken by Governments against the advice of their own experts; if, again, farmers have suffered losses because Governments have failed to give encouragement and support to their effort to bring about planned marketing, and the establishment in these times of the wheat board, for example, those failures, we must admit, are entirely due to the lack of application in the field of economics and social organization, of the scientific principles which Dr. Saunders showed us how to apply in production.

One word more. When Dr. Saunders retired from the position of Dominion Cerealist in 1909, a grateful Government endowed him with a pension of \$900 a year. Think of it! Nine Hundred Dollars. Successive Canadian Governments had delivered Canada's richest resources into the hands of their friends, producing, in a dozen fields of industry and of finance, successive generations of millionaires, speculators and exploiters of the Canadian Domain. But for the modest, self-effacing scientist who had added from fifty to seventy-five million dollars annually to the value of the production of Western Canada, while himself remaining a poor man, a pension of \$75 a month! It was not a provision in making which the Government could justly take pride.

We think all farmers must be proud, however, as we are proud, that the farmer representatives from Alberta who for many years sat in the House of Commons, protested, and succeeded, with the co-operation of others, in having Dr. Saunders' pension raised to a figure which while still comparatively small, enabled this distinguished Canadian to live out his days in reasonable comfort.

Let us honor today the memory of a great Canadian who has passed on.

Meeting at The Hague this summer, 900 official delegates to the 17th International Congress of Agriculture, representing 40 countries, passed a resolution calling upon the agriculturists of the world to "work with all their strength" for peace.

PROFIT SYSTEM IS BARTO ABUNDANCE, GARDINER STATES

Plenty of Primary Products, but Other Goods Restricted—Speaks at Macleod Rally

"Where profit is, there can be no abundance," declared Robert Gardiner, U.F.A. President, at the Macleod constituency rally at High River. The term "scarcity in the midst of plenty," he said, was only partly applicable to present conditions; although there is abundance of primary goods, manufactured goods ceased to be abundant the moment profits were threatened. Farmers were forced to continue to produce, regardless of prices; but manufacturers could control production, practically at a moment's notice.

Danger of Dictatorship

Mr. Gardiner traced the history of the present economic system, based on profit; and spoke of the danger that the present situation, with its growing unemployment, concentration of wealth and underpayment of primary producers, might lead to dictatorship upheld by military power, in Canada as in Germany. "Those who are progressively-minded," he urged, "should come together to stave off this pending fate."

At a later session Mr. Gardiner spoke on purchasing power, money and credit.

Mrs. Winifred Ross, U.F.W.A. Vice-President, and Dr. A. E. Somerville were other speakers.

Donald Cameron spoke on co-operation in Britain, Denmark and Sweden, and the development of public ownership and government control of industry in the latter country.

Junior Work

The opening day of the rally was devoted to Junior work and Miss Margaret Archibald, Junior President, gave a very effective talk on the Youth Congress at Montreal.

Asking the Federal Government to continue over a term of years the policies of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, the convention unanimously adopted a resolution presented by Gordon Walker, Claresholm.

Another resolution asked the Provincial Department of Lands and Mines to make it more feasible for farmers to get fuel oils direct from Turner Valley. The delegates also voted in opposition to the establishment of further large area school districts unless the consent of the residents had been secured; and the policy of the Wheat Board under J. M. Murray was censured.

W. J. Harper, Mrs. M. H. Ward and H. F. Spencer were re-elected president, vice-president and secretary, respectively, of the Macleod U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association.

Nearly a hundred of those attending the rally, which continued for three days, brought tents and camped out in the park, but rain made it necessary to adjourn the sessions from the big tent to the Town Hall.

Monopoly Takes Toll of Australian Farmers

Australian farmers are indignant that a shipping "conference," which was given a virtual monopoly of carrying of wool and wheat to European markets by the Government, is charging higher rates than competitors. It is stated that a "conference" steamer recently collected freight of £41,500 on one voyage; costs being approximately £19,000; profits of the one voyage were £22,500, exclusive of freight carried on the return journey.

Assistance of American tenant farmers—whose poverty and wretched living conditions are well known—to buy homes of their own, is the purpose of recent Roosevelt legislation, which provides for loaning of money at not more than 3 per cent.

Facing the Future

Most grain producers of Alberta are facing adversity from a series of abnormally dry seasons. The majority of them are carrying on as best as they can, hopeful of better seasons in years to come.

The Alberta Wheat Pool is facing critical years side by side with agriculture. Confident of its usefulness to grain growers and relying on its record of valuable achievement on their behalf, the organization is "carrying on" as economically and efficiently as possible.

Agriculture, even in these dark days should always remember that the co-operative system, open to all and democratically controlled, creates no vested interests, constitutes a bulwark against profiteering and satisfies the demand for increased efficiency.

With these self-evident truths before Alberta grain producers, it behooves all to fully support

ALBERTA POOL ELEVATORS

THE TAX RECOVERY ACT

Numbers of Readers Concerned Lest Lands Be Sold for Taxes—What Act Provides

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C., LL.D.

During the past two weeks several enquiries have been received which indicate that a number of readers are concerned about the fact that their land may be sold for taxes by a Municipal District. A word about our Provincial Tax Recovery Act may therefore not be amiss.

The Alberta Act is unlike that of other Provinces, is much more flexible, and provides greater protection to the tax debtor. A longer time is provided before any action whatever is taken by the Municipality. The Tax Consolidation Act which operates along with the Tax Recovery Act makes ample provision for the consolidation of taxes.

An owner of land, therefore, who finds himself two or three years in arrears in his taxes should be on the alert and make application to the Secretary of his Municipal District to have his taxes consolidated.

Experience has shown that many farmers are not sufficiently aggressive in protecting their own interests and simply allow the taxes to drift from year to year when closer co-operation with the Municipal District and the Department of Municipal Affairs would save them considerable expense and worry.

Keep in Touch With Secretary

Neither the Department nor any Municipal Council wants to see land lost to an owner through non-payment of taxes, particularly if the failure to pay is through causes beyond the control of the debtor. My first advice therefore is to keep closely in touch with the Secretary of the Municipal District who in the great majority of cases will be found anxious to help.

After a certain period of time the Municipality for its own protection may decide to take title, but even after this is done the land cannot be sold by the Municipality without the consent of the Department of Municipal Affairs. This is a further protection to the debtor, as in the majority of cases the problem can still be worked out either with the Municipality or by communicating directly with the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Even when the land is put up for sale, the Department usually insists on a reserve bid sufficiently high to protect the interests of the debtor, particularly if he resides in areas that have been subject to crop failure or in cases where the failure to pay is due to causes beyond the control of the debtor.

After watching the operation of this Act over a number of years I am convinced that no owner will lose his land who makes a bona fide effort to work with the Municipal District or the Department. The law is sufficiently flexible to enable the Department to work out any reasonable plan for the protection of the land. An old familiar saying, however, may be varied sufficiently to state a truth, namely, the law helps those who help themselves, and I am satisfied that any land owner who is fearful of losing his land will find that the Department of Municipal Affairs is willing and able to assist him in working out a satisfactory agreement providing he will communicate frankly with the Department and make his position known.

Replies to Enquiries

Municipal Taxes, Etc.

A.L.S.—1. Municipal taxes have to be paid. Otherwise the municipality can take title to your land. The municipality, however, cannot sell the land without the consent of the Minister and if you can show that the inability to pay taxes is due to complete crop

failure, the Minister would very probably refuse to consent to the sale. I would suggest that you consult the Secretary of the Municipality, who will no doubt make some arrangement for the protection of this land.

2. In the event that you were forced into bankruptcy proceedings you could claim your exemptions notwithstanding the chattel mortgage to the Bank. In the meantime the chattel mortgage stands.

3. If you can show clearly that your absence from the Province is for the purpose of obtaining work until next spring it would not prejudice your position with creditors.

4. There is no time limit provided by the Act. It is entirely a matter of satisfying the Court that your inability to make the payments is due to matters beyond your control such as complete crop failure.

When Consent Not Needed

"Enquirer."—Land other than the homestead, on which neither your wife nor yourself have ever lived, can be sold and transferred without the consent of the wife.

Unwise to Move Buildings, Etc.

P.B.—The Courts have held that the question of whether buildings can be moved from land depends on whether it was the intention that the buildings should be considered as fixtures. I would think that it was your intention that the house was a fixture and therefore think you would be unwise to attempt to move it. You would also be very unwise to attempt to move the fence. If you are in a municipal district the municipality cannot sell your land after obtaining title without the consent of the Minister and in any district suffering from crop failure I do not think the Minister would give his consent. I suggest you see the Secretary of the Municipal District and if you cannot make some arrangement with respect to taxes, then write the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Parliament Buildings, Edmonton, who will no doubt make some arrangement to protect you.

Debt Adjustment Act

J.K.H.—The answer to your enquiry depends entirely upon the date when your Lease was made. If before the 1st of July, 1936, then the Lessor cannot make a seizure of your crop without obtaining the consent of the Debt Adjustment Board. The Debt Adjustment Act is the only legislation giving you any protection and I would suggest that you write the representative of the Debt Adjustment Board at Red Deer setting out your position. He will probably be able to arrange matters satisfactorily for you.

Trail Across Farmer's Land

L.H.D.—Assuming that the trail is across land which you own, I do not think it has been used by the public long enough to establish a right-of-way by custom and that you will be quite within your legal rights in closing it by a fence.

Acadia U.F.A.

Provincial Convention

Acadia Provincial U.F.A. Constituency Association will hold their annual convention at Cereal, on Saturday, August 14th, commencing at 10:30 a.m. Miss Arehild and William Irvine are billed for the evening meeting; other speakers will be Robert Gardiner, Lorne Proudfoot, Mrs. M. Banner and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Sutherland.

YOUR LEGAL PROBLEM

Answers will be given in this department to legal questions submitted by paid-up subscribers of The Western Farm Leader. The annual subscription is ONE DOLLAR. Questions should be addressed: "Legal, The Western Farm Leader."

Ask Provincial Hail Plan; Crop Insurance by Dominion Sought

Government Cost Increased Four Million in Two Years, States Claypool at Acme

By MRS. CORA J. KERNS

ACME, Alta.—About 100 delegates and juniors attended here what proved to be an addition to the chain of successful conventions of the Didsbury U.F.A. Constituency Association late in July. It was held under the able chairmanship of President W. J. Scheidt, and was enthusiastic from start to finish, community singing led by Reg. Robinson with Mrs. Ray Bell at the piano; recitations by Juniors and talks; readings by Mrs. James Young and Mrs. A. J. Cameron adding to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Resolutions Adopted

The convention adopted resolutions urging restoration of municipal hail insurance by the Provincial Government; creation of crop insurance by the Dominion Government; Federal aid to our own citizens in getting on farms in good districts before immigration is encouraged; and the holding of the Provincial Convention in summer at some lake. The Central Board was advised that the constituency association favored an attempt to co-operate with members of all other progressive democratic groups in the Provincial field to elect U.F.A. candidates.

Stating that the present Alberta Government had failed to supply grants for municipal governing boards; referring to the cut in road building grants, and in education and hospital grants; inadequate distribution of seed and feed relief; cuts to relief recipients, A. B. Claypool said this government had proved less humane than the Farmer administration.

Increase in Cost of Government

Producing figures in support of his statements, Mr. Claypool indicated that the cost of government had been increased in the past two years as follows:

Income tax increase.....	\$ 578,748.99
Sales tax.....	1,600,000.00
Social Rev. and Service tax.....	452,104.68
Increase in Liquor Profits	656,411.00
Prov. Secretary's Dept:	
Drivers' Licenses and other Licenses.....	869,005.00
	\$4,156,269.67

In 1935, taxpayers contributed \$13,926,295.48 to the Government.

In 1937, taxpayers contributed \$16,585,018.00 to the Government.

Civil service staff increased by 419 members.

Cost of ministers' office increased \$14,195 in past 2 years.

Cost of deputy ministers' office increased \$128,983.66 in past 2 years.

On top of all this increased cost, said Mr. Claypool, no debts had been paid; social services had been badly curtailed, bond value had dropped to 56 per cent, and social credit had not yet been tried.

A welcome guest whose address was much appreciated was Dr. Glen L. Swiggett of Washington, D.C., an uncle of Mr. Claypool and chairman of the committee on organization of Inter-American Federation of Education, who complimented the meeting on the efficiency and intelligence shown in discussions of questions of vital im-



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About 200 Attend Pembina Picnic at Lac La Nonne

Good Attendance in Spite of Rain—Fish Bite Well—George MacLachlan Speaker

"About 200 persons were present and the budget just about balanced in spite of the weather," writes Charles L. Watson, secretary of the Pembina U.F.A. Constituency Association, reporting to The Western Farm Leader on the annual picnic of the association held at Lac La Nonne late in July.

"The day began with more or less rain pretty well all over the constituency and most members had to come 30 or 40 miles to the grounds. This, of course, greatly reduced our numbers, but we had shelter on the grounds and weather was fair most of the time and the day ended bright and clear with good roads most places for the return trip."

George MacLachlan spoke on the progress of co-operative buying, and was well received.

Useful prizes were distributed to winners of many athletic events, and the tug of war between married and single ladies made a lot of fun. Fish were biting well (part of the day being dull) and all seemed to have a good string of fish, some over 50. The picnic was adjudged by all to be a great success.

Hiram Walker-Gooderham & Worts, Ltd., whiskey manufacturers, made a profit of \$1,640,683, in the three months ending May 31st, 1937.

portance, not only to Alberta, but to the existence of civilization itself.

Hearty votes of thanks to Dr. Swiggett; to board members for their past year's services; to those who contributed to the program and lunch and to Mr. and Mrs. Claypool as sponsors of the day, were carried.

Officers were elected as follows: Pres., W. J. Scheidt; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Spaulding; Hon. Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. W. Wood; Sec.-Treas., Cora J. Kerns; Directors, P. J. Rock, R. McNaughton, Fred King, Mrs. R. Bell, Wm. Burns, Mrs. A. J. Cameron, Ray Wood, Mrs. N. Eckel, J. McDougall, Mrs. R. McNaughton.

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DROUGHT AREAS

Action on an extensive scale, to deal with the grave situation in the dry areas where crops have failed is imperatively necessary.

The problem should be given first place in the consideration of the Dominion and Provincial Governments. No other public business is so pressing.

If necessary, other matters must stand aside until the immediate problem of the drought areas has been dealt with, and effective measures of relief adopted and carried into effect.

Some steps to deal with the situation have been announced; and we trust they will be carried through speedily. Speed is the essence of the matter for the moment. And far more ambitious measures than any that have been announced are called for by the wide extent of the disaster.

Those who are so fortunate as to live in districts where crops are good or fair, or even a little less than fair, will, we are sure, join with the people of the districts where crops have failed, in their demand for action.

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LONG TIME PLANNING

The problem has two aspects: the immediate need and planning for the future.

Planning on a colossal scale will be needed to cope with the task which lies before the public authorities. It must be adopted throughout the whole of the great area which is subject to frequent drought, and the methods to be followed will vary; but for a very large territory in Alberta and Saskatchewan, the carrying out of the William Pearce project appears to many who have given the matter long consideration to be the only effective way of dealing with the problem.

For many years past the United Farmers of Alberta have urged the carrying out of this project, and the recent convention of Acadia farmers in Hanna, reported in this issue, strongly urged the immediate launching of public works which can become, eventually, part of the larger undertaking.

The project involves the diversion of water from the Clearwater, in the Foothill country, to the Red Deer River, the construction of a large dam 200 feet in height, west of Stettler, and of a large ditch to Sullivan Lake, which

the engineers state is the ideal natural reservoir for the areas to be irrigated.

A multitude of creeks, running north and south from the higher land in the area to be included in the project, would provide the means, with the aid of dams and other works, of distributing the water to the best advantage. The slope of the land is gradual throughout a large part of the area, making it eminently fitted for irrigation, while the land unsuitable for irrigation can provide good grazing for summer pasture.

Only the Dominion Government can undertake so large an enterprise. And the resident population as well as the general body of citizens in Alberta and Saskatchewan who are unable themselves to cope with the task of rehabilitation, can present a good case for the assumption of the responsibility by the Dominion.

It was the Dominion Government which in 1908, utterly disregarding the advice of those who had reported on the nature of these areas as affected by climatic conditions, passed the pre-emption law which led to the taking up of most of the available land within a period of three years.

Today, the population of the dry areas is only about one-quarter as great as was the original settlement. For reasons which we need not elaborate here there is really little to be gained by shipping the remaining families to bush country in the north.

The Dominion Government has a responsibility not only to the resident population, but, as we have stated, to the two Provinces. As Hon. Norman Rogers, today a member of Mr. King's cabinet, showed some years ago, Alberta alone through the tariff pays some 26 million dollars annually to the Dominion, above and beyond what the Dominion contributes to Alberta. The Province need have no hesitation, therefore, in pressing upon the Dominion the justice of its claim that the cost of carrying out the public works necessary to rehabilitation, should be borne by the Dominion.

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"HERB" MCCREA

In the death of H. G. McCrea, editor and publisher of the *Hanna Herald*, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association, Alberta loses a distinguished editor and a great citizen.

Though the writer of these lines did not

know him so intimately as did many of his colleagues in the Association, or friends in the Hanna district, he counted it a privilege to number "Herb" McCrea among his friends. With real strength of character he combined great kindness of heart, and we were indebted to him, like, we are sure, many scores of others, for kindly acts of assistance unobtrusively done.

He faced long and painful illness with a physical courage equal to the moral courage which he always displayed as editor of his paper; for it required unusual courage to differ with the vast majority of his readers, as he did on more than one occasion, profoundly, upon issues of public policy which rocked the Province. So high, however, was the esteem in which he was held, that the circulation of his paper actually increased at times when these differences of opinion were most acute.

As Leonard D. Nesbitt, his lifelong friend, who started him in the newspaper business at Langdon 25 years ago, stated in the editorial "30" which he wrote for the current issue of the *Hanna Herald*:

"To my mind, the most striking characteristic of Herb McCrea was his courage and fortitude in the face of constant suffering and ill-health. He was the most courageous man I ever knew. 'Courage is the standing army of the soul'."

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TRIBUTE TO GARLAND

(From *The Calgary Herald*)

One of the stoutest optimists at the C.C.F. convention in Winnipeg last week was E. J. Garland, ex-M.P. He declared that members of the third party should not be downhearted but elated by their achievements since 1933, because in Great Britain it took a hundred years to make the Labor party there what it is today. In his opinion Canada is a tougher proposition for a Socialist organization than Great Britain, and much more difficult to organize, particularly in the territorial sense. An organizer can cover the Mother Country on a bicycle with little expense, and he has only to deal with one "functional group" in the community, the industrial workers. The farmers can be ignored.

On the other hand, a national party organizer in this country, such as Mr. Garland for the C.C.F., must cover a lot of ground in a year, and an adequate fund for the purpose would appear most needful. The C.C.F. has no such fund for organization, and, according to a report presented at Winnipeg, Mr. Garland had to practise the strictest economy in making ends meet. He attended over two hundred meetings during the past year—all the way from Nova Scotia to British Columbia—and held his expense account down to an average of slightly over three dollars a day. It appears that by passing nights on day coaches, subsisting on ham sandwiches and coffee, and sleeping on back porches belonging to C.C.F. supporters after meetings, he kept his expenses down to a minimum that would insult any commercial traveller.

The convention decided to do something about it, but in the meantime the former member for Bow Valley in the House of Commons would appear to rank as one of the real martyrs of the C.C.F. cause.

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The English people have good reason to be dissatisfied with the manner in which the interests of collective security and of all free peoples have been betrayed on repeated occasions during recent years, but they have one thing to be proud of at this time: so far as is known, not a single Englishman is fighting on Franco's side in Spain.

PROVIDE CHECK-UP ON WAR MUNITIONS FOR EXPORTATION

Anniversary of Outbreak of Great War Finds Disturbing Situation

HEPBURN AND KING

Rights of Labor to Organize Maintained by Federal Minister Rogers

By WILFRID EGGLESTON
Special to *The Western Farm Leader*

OTTAWA, August 4th.—On the anniversary of the day which began the war which was to end all wars, it is rather disturbing to learn that the Canadian Government considers it necessary to put into effect an elaborate permit system to check up on exports of war munitions "including poison gas" to belligerents in various parts of the world.

A series of orders-in-council were passed last week, based upon legislation enacted last session, intended to establish a Canadian "non-intervention" policy.

The first of these provided a meticulous government control over export of munitions; the second banned the export of arms or munitions of any kind to Spain or Spanish territory, either directly or indirectly; the third made it unlawful for Canadian "nationals" to enlist for service in the civil war on either side, or to leave Canada with intent to enlist, and prescribed penalties for infractions, prohibiting recruiting at the same time.

Employment Figures

Rather happier reading are the employment figures. Despite the severe blow to the economic fabric of Canada in the drought catastrophe, the rising tide of activity in other parts of the country is giving employment to larger numbers of people. Things are still far from satisfactory, but measured against the immediate past, they show considerable recovery.

The employers in industrial activities reported on July 1st an increase of 45,666 persons on the payrolls. The index figure rose to the highest level on record with the exception of 1929. In reading these figures, some warning should be given, however, since no correction or allowance is made for the rising labor population in Canada. The figures will need to grow 15 to 20 per cent higher still, in order to show as great a percentage of the employable people now as was the case eight years ago.

Hepburn-King Rupture

Observers are wondering how the recent break between Premier Hepburn in Ontario and Prime Minister Mackenzie King will affect the course of the Provincial election which apparently is to take place in October.

The rupture was almost wholly engineered by Premier Hepburn, who, out of a relatively clear sky, announced over the radio that he was no longer a supporter of the Liberal Prime Minister.

The cause for the outburst was annoyance that the Ottawa Liberals had not got solidly behind his aggressive opposition of the C.I.O. Norman Rogers, Minister of Labor, continues to take the stand that labor is entitled to join any legitimate organization, and declines off-hand to condemn the Lewis organization as illegal.

Drought Area Rehabilitation

Irrigation will be explored by the Dominion Government as a means of alleviating the drought menace on the prairies, and when Messrs. Rogers and Gardiner get back to Ottawa it is quite probable that the Prairie Drought Rehabilitation program will be extended. The Minister of Agriculture enlarged the scope of the bill last session, and can spend two millions or more a year on projects calculated

Press for Marketing Legislation of Value to Alberta Farmers

Alberta Co-operative Council Holds Annual Meeting—Satisfaction With Progress Expressed

Determination to continue pressing for marketing legislation acceptable to Alberta farmers, and expression of satisfaction with the Alberta Co-operative Council as a medium for promotion of co-operative endeavors and general farm interests, featured the second annual meeting of that organization held in Calgary July 21st and 22nd.

Reports of the work undertaken by the Council in its first year of activity included participation in the creating of a Western Canadian and a national farmers' organization. While the West had consolidated its position, organization in the East for the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture had proceeded at a slower pace, the delegates were told, and they went on record in favor of the strengthening of a Western chamber of agriculture pending further activity in the East.

Marketing Legislation

Development of provincial marketing legislation in Ontario, New Brunswick, and British Columbia was studied by the delegates particularly from the angle in which these have assisted producers of farm products in obtaining greater returns for their commodities without imposing hardships upon the consumers. Further representations to the Alberta Government for similar legislation will be made by the Council as a result of a resolution unanimously endorsed by the delegates.

Twenty-two co-operative bodies with an aggregate membership of over 50,000 joined the Council during its first year, the delegates were advised. Sessions were presided over by C. Jensen, Magrath, and Alfred Haarstad, Bentley.

Officers Elected

Directors elected for the ensuing year were: C. Jensen, representing the wool growers; W. C. McKenzie, Lethbridge, livestock; C. Christensen, Edmonton, dairying; Norman F. Priestley, Calgary, purchase and distribution of supplies; J. H. Rhodes, Brant, poultry; and L. Hutchinson, Duhamel, grain.

At a directors' meeting following the delegates' discussions Mr. Jensen was re-elected as chairman, Mr. McKenzie as vice-chairman, and Mr. Priestley, second vice-chairman.

CLOSE RELIEF WORK CAMPS

Twelve relief work camps were closed on Saturday, at the expiry of the agreement with the Dominion for assistance. Officials state that the 750 men affected should be able to subsist on their back pay (amounting in some cases to as much as \$28, but mostly less) until they can get employment. Two camps will be kept open, it is announced, on a bed and board basis merely.

Assurance from Premier Aberhart that the Province would give preference in the Civil Service to ex-service-men, other things being equal, and that he would be willing to meet the Legion executive to discuss dismissal of any Legion member, was given to Alex. Walker, president.

Two employees of the Department of Municipal Affairs, J. W. Chapman and D. S. Sinclair, with service of 19 and 4 years respectively, have been discharged by Hon. Lucien Maynard.

to alleviate drought conditions.

The wheat policy of the Government has been allowed to drift until the Turgeon report is digested. The recent announcement of Hon. W. G. Euler means, in effect, that the Wheat Board will be a mere figurehead until a new policy is worked out.

Successful Picnic and Meeting Held at Czar

Gardiner, Spencer, Farquharson and Archie Muir Speakers at Ribstone Constituency Meet

Addressed by President Robert Gardiner, Henry E. Spencer, U.F.A. Director for Battle River, W. G. Farquharson, former M.L.A., and Archie Muir of Eye Hill, a most successful and enjoyable basket picnic and public meeting was held at Czar Lake Park on July 27th, under the auspices of the Ribstone U.F.A. Constituency Association.

At the evening meeting, Mr. Spencer ably outlined the purpose and stressed the necessity of a farmers' organization, and Mr. Gardiner in his usual informative and capable way dealt with the important and pertinent subjects of money, purchasing power and credit.

The scenic beauty of the lake park was highly appreciated, there being a general expression of the desire that it should be used as an annual gathering place. Much credit is due to Mr. Glockzin, the owner of the park, for the hospitality and accommodation provided.

A. L. DANIELSON,
Assistant Secretary

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CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S LEAGUE AND THE U.F.A. EXECUTIVE

Official Statement Issued by the Executive Committee of the United Farmers of Alberta

Following is the complete correspondence which has passed between the Temporary Provisional Executive of the People's League of Alberta and the Executive of the United Farmers of Alberta, together with an article from the daily press which gave rise to the later letters in the series. It is issued by the U.F.A. Executive as a matter of public information, in order to make clear the position of the Association in reference to the matter dealt with.

The correspondence opens with a letter from the Organizing Secretary of the League, Mr. R. C. Drew, addressed to Miss E. Birch, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Farmers of Alberta, as follows:

May 13, 1937.
Miss E. Birch,
U.F.A., Renfrew Building,
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Miss Birch:

At the March meeting of the Temporary Provincial Executive of the People's League of Alberta, the following statement of objective was drawn up:

"The People's League of Alberta believes that Political Party cleavage prevents united action by persons holding as individuals the same views on the more important Provincial issues, and is a destructive force, detrimental to the best interests of the Province. It is therefore abundantly clear that some unifying force is required to bring about sane, sound and progressive government. With a view to attaining this objective, the People's League of Alberta, as a non-partisan organization, offers itself as such unifying force, but stands ready to take direct political action if deemed necessary by a properly constituted convention."

In order to give effect to this statement of objective, our executive has decided to forward to the central executives of all political parties opposed to the policies of the present government, a plan of action for the next election.

The People's League of Alberta, as a non-partisan organization, will not, unless forced to do so, enter the political field as a new party. Its members however, feel that it is necessary in order to ensure the election of a majority group of reasonable and capable men, properly representing the people, that all persons and organizations believing in good government unite their forces in so far as Provincial matters are concerned. Accordingly, we suggest that through our auspices in the various constituencies, joint nominating conventions be held. It would be understood that candidates thus chosen would conduct their campaigns as Independents, pledged to support a moderate and constructive program,

and that each of the parties support these candidates, and that each candidate receive the support of the People's League.

Suggest Joint Committee

We suggest that a joint committee be named by the proper executives of the various parties to work out details for the holding of nominating conventions in the constituencies. This committee might also discuss and consider the broad principles of the program of the People's League, which is set forth in the attached manifesto, although we feel that there is very little in dispute between the parties, or the parties and the People's League with regard to these broad principles. The main consideration of the executive of the People's League is that the policy adopted contains no promises incapable of fulfillment.

The foregoing merely represents a broad outline of our proposal and we are prepared to work out jointly with the other parties mentioned the necessary details to carry such a proposal into effect.

In the event that this plan does not meet with the approval of your party, may we suggest that you submit an alternative plan for the consideration of the various parties?

Kindly be assured that we desire to co-operate in those things which we believe to be in the best interests of the Province.

We would appreciate having a reply to this letter as soon as the matters set out herein have been considered by your executive.

Yours truly,
(Signed) R. C. DREW,
For the Temporary Provincial
Executive,
(R. C. Drew)
Organizing Secretary.

May 14th, 1937.

Mr. R. C. Drew,
Organizing Secretary,
People's League of Alberta,
328a 8th Ave. W.,
Calgary.

Dear Mr. Drew:

We are in receipt of yours of the

13th instant enclosing statement and manifesto drawn up by the Temporary Provincial Executive of the People's League of Alberta. Same will be brought to the attention of our executive at their meeting, which we expect will take place the latter part of this month.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) EILEEN BIRCH,
Secretary.

June 12, 1937.

Mr. R. C. Drew,
Organizing Secretary,
People's League of Alberta,
328a 8th Ave. West,
Calgary, Alta.
Dear Mr. Drew:

With further reference to yours of May 13th acknowledged by our Secretary, Miss Birch, I am now able to report that the letter was placed before the Executive of the U.F.A. which has been meeting here during the past few days.

We appreciate your approaching us in this matter and believe that your motive is sincere in declaring that "political party cleavage... is a destructive force detrimental to the best interest of the Province" and that "some unifying force is required to bring about sane, sound and progressive government." It was the intention of our Association at the time of entering the political field in 1920 that representation in the Legislature of Alberta should be on a non-partisan economic group basis. That idea was steadfastly maintained before us during the ensuing years but partyism with its Dominion implications was too strongly entrenched and held the legislature in its grip despite our efforts. We believe it to be a sign of progress that large numbers of citizens previously divided are now seeking some basis of alignment to create such unity as will enable us to meet our present deplorable situation.

Basin of U.F.A. Action

It is necessary, however, to point out that the U.F.A. set out in 1919 the basis upon which we should take political action and that those rules still govern our Association. The right was given to Locals of the United Farmers to use their constituency associations for the selection, nominating and election of candidates with complete autonomy in those respects. The Board and Executive of the U.F.A. exercised no control over their action even to the extent of suggesting that they nominate candidates or refrain from so doing; always providing, however, that no use should be made of U.F.A. Local and constituency (machinery) for the selection and promotion of the candidature of other than U.F.A. nominees. The principle behind the whole arrangement was to place responsibility for political action in the constituencies upon the rank and file of our members, thus ensuring democratic action towards the aims and objects of the farmers of Alberta as expressed through our Association from time to time.

Under these conditions it is obvious that we as an Executive of the United Farmers of Alberta are not in a position to negotiate with other bodies with a view to joint political action for the election of independent or other candidates to Legislature or Parliament until such time as the Association in convention assembled may otherwise direct.

Let me again assure you that we sincerely appreciate the spirit of your communication and the objects which it sets forth.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) ROBERT GARDINER,
President.

In the *Calgary Herald* of June 19, 1937, appeared the following heading and item:

CONSTITUENCIES ALONE MUST DECIDE ON UNITY, U.F.A. INFORMS LEAGUE

Rules Set in 1919 Prevent Action by Executive

Any action taken by the United Farmers of Alberta regarding the fusion and co-operative proposal of

the People's League of Alberta will have to be through constituency organizations.

Replying recently to suggestions made by the League, the U.F.A. Executive pointed out that they as a body, could not take a stand in the matter, even if they desired. The rules under which the party entered politics were set out in 1919 and they still hold.

The U.F.A. Executive, explaining that from the first, the agrarian group considered party government detrimental to the best interests of the province added: "We believe it to be a sign of progress that the larger number of citizens previously divided are now seeking some basis of alignment, to create such unity as will enable us to meet the present deplorable situation."

As a result of the communication, the league will now deal directly with each constituency association or local. Each, by the constitution of 1919 covering the basis of political association, has complete autonomy.

A despatch identical with the above, except that the last paragraph was omitted, appeared in the *Edmonton Journal* on the same day as the above report in the *Calgary Herald*. The *Lethbridge Herald* also carried the despatch.

July 17, 1937.

Mr. R. C. Drew,
Organizing Secretary,
People's League of Alberta,
328a 8th Ave. W.,
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Sir:

My attention has been drawn to certain items in several daily and other papers, and news broadcasts covering the same, which can only have come from yourself, as they contained one sentence quoted verbatim from my letter to you of June 12th.

The item as given by the *Calgary Herald* stated that the U.F.A. Executive was not in a position to take a stand in the matter of your suggestion of co-operation with the People's League, and went on to say that "as a result of the communication the League will now deal directly with each constituency association or Local. Each by the constitution of 1919 covering the basis of political association, has complete autonomy."

This statement is unwarranted and cannot properly be deduced from my letter. It is a perversion of the facts, and I am therefore asking you to publicly make a correction. My letter expressly stated that the measure of autonomy given to our constituency associations was limited. I stated that: "The right was given to Locals of the United Farmers to use their constituency associations for the selection, nominating and election of candidates with complete autonomy in those respects. The Board and Executive of the U.F.A. exercised no control over their action even to the extent of suggesting that they nominate candidates or refrain from doing so; always providing, however, that no use should be made of U.F.A. local and constituency machinery for the selection and promotion of the candidature of other than U.F.A. nominees."

I wish to particularly make clear that it is useless for you to make approaches looking towards joint political action to our locals and constituency associations.

Trusting that I have made myself clear and that you will in fairness meet my request as above,

Yours truly,
(Signed) ROBERT GARDINER,
President.

Following receipt of this letter, Mr. Drew wrote the *Calgary Herald* to the effect that Mr. Gardiner had stated the news despatch gave an incorrect expression of the statement made in his original letter, regarding the position of the U.F.A. Mr. Drew concluded his letter in the *Herald* by quoting in full the original letter of Mr. Gardiner's, dated June 12th.

FRUIT

LOCAL SECRETARIES

We have just prepared an informative bulletin giving information as to the probable shipping season for Peaches, Pears, Prunes, Pickling Vegetables and Apples.

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CHAPTER VI

RUMBLING OF DISCONTENT—ARBITRATION—SACRIFICES DEMANDED FROM BOTH SIDES—ADHERENCE TO SYSTEM AVOIDS CHAOS—DEPRESSION CAUSED BY OVERPRODUCTION—ECONOMIC BALANCE MUST BE MAINTAINED.

Synopsis of Previous Chapters

For New Readers—This is the story of the adventures of three shipwrecked mariners, cast ashore on a desert island. Their names are Larson, Grubber and Buffington. Coconuts, fish, and wild goats provide their food supply, and they have primitive tools with which to erect shelters. Larson makes the suggestion that they should organize their "economic and financial system" in accordance with the principles followed in the capitalist communities from whence they came. The other two members of the community of three agree to his suggestion, and soon find themselves unable to live except by working for Larson, as he has gained control of the island "industry." They suffer from "unemployment" and other troubles. Unable to pay the "rent" for the huts they live in, Grubber first, then Buffington, are evicted.

BUFFINGTON gathered his few belongings together and set out to find Grubber. The latter had located a fairly protected nook and was ruefully preparing to make his bed upon the sand. Their original shelter had long since been torn down and consumed for firewood, because Larson considered it unsightly.

There was much wild talk between the two evicted tenants, before they dropped asleep that night. In the morning, however, when Buffington awoke, stiff and unrested from his unaccustomed contact with the hard ground, his ardor for conflict had somehow been chilled.

He recalled that Larson had mentioned a plan.

"It is this," Larson explained, when the two fellow-islanders had roused him out of his comfortable bed to call for their daily rations. "In times like these, all of us must be prepared to make certain sacrifices. It would be unfair to blame the system. The system will inevitably right itself if we give it time."

"Whadda you mean, sacrifices?" demanded Grubber. "Sleepin' on the sand?"

"It won't be necessary for you to sleep on the sand," assured Larson benevolently; "that is, if you will act intelligently and budget your

needs. Under my contract, I am compelled to feed you both until my debt to you is worked out. I shall stick to my bargain, no matter what sacrifice it entails. You, for your part, also made a bargain. You agreed to pay me a rental on your houses."

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He paused; to allow the reprehensible truth to sink in that they had grossly fallen down on this obligation.

"I'm willin' to work—I'm willin' to pay," mumbled Grubber, somewhat shamefacedly.

"No doubt, my good fellow, no doubt," assured Larson, with a winning smile. "But surely you can hardly blame me for being unable to employ you. Is it my fault that there is a surplus of food on hand? As a matter of fact, doesn't it show that I should have hardened my heart and curtailed production much sooner than I did?"

Grubber looked bewildered. "Well, what's the answer?" demanded Buffington impatiently.

"I'm coming to that. Since, because of the present surplus, I can't find employment for you, there seems but one other way out. You can easily relieve your own burdens while also relieving mine. In other words, suppose that you accept house rent in lieu of provisions.

"Don't misunderstand me!" he hastily added, as Grubber seemed about to bellow a protest. "I don't mean that you should cease eating altogether. But if I let you stay in your house, for which you are paying no rental, would it be any more than fair on your part to meet my generosity by accepting half rations?"

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Grubber flung his arms aloft. "You go plumb to hell!" he roared. "I'll sleep on the sands if I got to, but I'm gonna keep my belly full!"

"A very imprudent decision," Larson told him with disapproval. "But the choice is yours, not mine. Buffington, how about you?"

"Look here, Larson. If we were to forget this confounded system of yours, Grubber and I could go out

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right now and provide ourselves with more than enough to eat. We could move into those unoccupied houses—which aren't doing any one the slightest bit of good. Yet because we've got ourselves tangled up in some sort of a system that we don't understand, we're prevented from doing the sensible thing. I don't get it."

"My dear fellow, can't you realize that what you're proposing would lead to social chaos? Put your proposal into other words and see how it sounds: By disregarding property rights, breaking all contracts and agreements, we can take what we want. Is that what you mean?"

"Well, I—It just seems so darned unfair—"

"Not at all. The system is eminently fair to all—even though we sometimes are made to suffer through transgressing its laws. Take our present difficulty. We are paying now for destroying the economic balance.

We tried to advance too rapidly. I'll admit that I was partly to blame. If I hadn't stretched a point to give you employment, so that you might have all the comforts you longed for, we wouldn't have oversupplied ourselves and have been compelled to slow up. Periods of over-prosperity are invariably followed by a reaction.

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Sidney Elliott, editor of *Reynolds News*, British co-operative organ, arrived in New York last week for a month's tour of the U.S. *Reynolds News*, purchased by the co-operative movement in 1929, has grown to be an important organ, with a weekly circulation of 400,000. Its circulation is promoted by an insurance scheme, whereby co-operators can increase their insurance benefit by subscribing to the paper; and co-operative societies support the paper by advertising—retail societies giving 10 per cent of sales and wholesale societies five per cent, for this purpose. The CWS bank financed the building and equipment of a modern printing plant for the paper.

SURPRISE FOR WIFE

A business man was at the fountain-pen counter making a purchase. "You see," he said, "I am buying this for my wife."

"A surprise, eh?"

"I'll say so. She is expecting a car."

That's the beauty of the system. It inevitably works to maintain a balance."

(Next Chapter: Disciplinary Value of Privation.)

Current News from Near and Far

PROVINCIAL

Heavy rains over the whole of Southern Alberta occurred over the week-end.

Representatives of Alberta cities, meeting the Legislative relief committee, advocated uniform relief rates for the Province.

Given a month's pay instead of notice, R. T. Rodd, director of fisheries for seven years, was discharged on Saturday by Hon. D. B. Mullen.

Retroactive to July 15th, a feeder freight policy is now in effect by which buyers will be refunded half the freight on certain classes of livestock from the drought areas.

The brave efforts of 14-year-old Frank Toth to rescue his younger sister and brother, who got into difficulties while bathing in a small reservoir, proved unavailing, and all three were drowned—the whole family of their parents, beet farmers of Picture Butte district.

Two young sons of R. Pelletier, M.P. for Peace River, were drowned in the Smoky River, near Watino, Monday evening.

The Government was getting a good response to its request for bondholders' registration, stated Hon. Solon Low last week.

Shot following a bitter family quarrel, Fred Farrar, Olds farmer, is dead, and his son Albert is held in custody by the police, on a charge of murder.

Following a meeting with a delegation of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts, Premier Aberhart announced that a representative committee was being set up to study crop insurance, particularly the placing of hail insurance on a sound financial footing.

Both Edmonton and Calgary bondholders' committees have advised their member not to comply with the Government's demand for registration, stating that the Government should disclose the plan by which it expects to pay in full its debts to the bondholders.

Alberta may count on the willingness of Canadian banks to serve the people and the Province, within the provisions of the Canada Bank Act and the principles of sound banking, stated a letter from S. H. Logan, president of the Canadian Bankers' Association to Premier Aberhart. This was in reply to the Provincial Government's circular, sent out to all bank branches in Alberta, asking in general terms for their co-operation in the payment of dividends to citizens of the Province. According to a circular to M.L.A.'s, this letter to the banks is the beginning of a series of acts to make the will of the people "sovereign throughout all the institutions" of the Province.

Declaring that Premier Aberhart's famous "blue manual" outlined not social credit but a taxation scheme, and severely criticising the Government for its failure to make headway in its social credit program, a 50-page report of John Hargrave, British Social Creditor who spent some weeks in Edmonton last winter as adviser to the Government, has been made public. Mr. Hargrave indicates that the break with the Government occurred when Premier Aberhart presented to him two letters drawn up by and addressed to the Premier, and demanded that he sign them. They repudiated criticisms of the Government made by Mr. Hargrave in January, expressed admiration of splendid progress in social credit matters made by the Government; and castigated his colleague, Greenshirt Officer Halliday Thompson. Hargrave refused to sign.

DOMINION

The cost of the Pearce water diversion scheme had been estimated variously at from \$112- to \$400,000,000, and then it would not irrigate all land in the area covered, said Hon. J. G. Gardiner at Hanna, during his recent trip through western drought areas, adding that he favored smaller irrigation projects.

Under the Federal Government pooling plan, it is expected that movement of cattle from the drought areas of the west to Manitoba grass lands will be under way by the middle of the month. It is proposed to accept livestock ready for immediate sale, or feeder stock, paying an initial price, based on prevailing market prices, and pooling the balance of prices received; also to provide winter pasture for horses.

Eight transients were killed when a C.N.R. freight train was de-railed near Sudbury.

Lord Tweedsmuir reached Aklavik Monday evening, the end of his 11-day boat trip from Waterways, Alberta.

After conducting investigations at London, Paris, Antwerp, Amsterdam and Liverpool, the Turgeon commission will return to Canada some time this month.

Called by the National Catholic union, 10,000 workers in Dominion Textile plants and their subsidiaries are on strike for collective bargaining rights, shorter hours and standardized wage rates.

In a trial flight from Montreal to Vancouver, Hon. C. D. Howe, two pilots and three other passengers, covered the distance in 17 hours and 11 minutes, last Friday. Short stops were made at five points en route.

Plans for construction of irrigation projects in the dry areas of Alberta and Saskatchewan and the setting aside of large areas to be re-grassed for grazing, have been agreed to by the Federal Cabinet, said Hon. J. G. Gardiner recently.

Federal grants to Provinces, in aid of relief, will be continued, announced Hon. Norman Rogers, adding that the Provinces are being required to supply information on their relief situations and estimates of probable requirements.

Traffic on the C.P.R. main line in B.C. was resumed last Friday, after being held up since Wednesday by a rock slide at Field, when tracks were buried under 40 feet of rock and debris. Passengers were carried by auto bus from Field to Lake Louise in the interval.

WORLD

President Roosevelt's attempts to reorganize American courts have been practically squashed by the Senate.

Franco's spokesman stated Tuesday that the Vatican had decided to recognize his regime as the real government of Spain.

It is estimated that the Spanish civil war has cost a million lives so far, and observers expect it to continue for another year.

The session of the British House of Commons, which opened in the reign of former King Edward VIII, ended last Friday.

While en route from Delhi to Calcutta, a passenger train was de-railed, with a loss of life estimated at nearly three hundred.

Under the U.S. anti-trust laws, action will be opened in October against 23 oil companies and their executive officers, on charges of entering into price-fixing conspiracies.

While Great Britain has notified Japan that she would oppose severance of any more Provinces from China, Anthony Eden said in the House of Commons last week that the Government was not prepared at present to take any initiative towards settlement of the war now raging in China.

The U.S. Navy Department are asking members of power-boat and yachting associations to enroll their yachts in the Navy Reserve. It is being suggested that, since there will be no training in peacetime and the yachts will be used for patrolling home ports in the event of war, this Reserve offers a cosy refuge for wealthy "slackers."

Peace River Crop 50 Per Cent of Last Year's

Completing a tour of the Peace River country, D. G. McKenzie, first vice-president of the United Grain Growers, and E. S. McRory, general manager of the company, returned from the north last week end.

Mr. McRory reports that in spite of inadequate moisture during the growing season, the Peace River expects to harvest a crop about 50 per cent of that of last year, which was 10 per cent above normal. In other words, there is every prospect of something better than half a normal crop.

While in the north Mr. McKenzie and Mr. McRory were entertained by the Peace River and Grand Prairie Boards of Trade at banquets in their honor.

STRONG IN SASKATCHEWAN

That the C.C.F. in Saskatchewan is very strong, enthusiastic and optimistic of future victory is the opinion of E. J. Garland, National Organizer, after attending six of the forty constituency conventions held during recent weeks. At the conventions visited, Mr. Garland writes, the calibre of debate was high and in not a single case was there the slightest friction. The need for a Wheat Board that will function, drought relief and drought area rehabilitation, membership drives and co-operatives were the chief subjects of discussion and study.

MAY CHANGE DIVORCE LAWS

As a result of the passing of the new British divorce law, making cruelty, desertion and insanity grounds for divorce as well as adultery, it is expected that the Canadian laws may be altered along the same lines at the next session of Parliament.

The board of reference under the School Act has heard a number of appeals against dismissal, from Alberta teachers.

Burning of farm buildings near Grand Forks, B.C., are believed by police to be part of the feud between the two Doukhobor sects in the district.

The U.S. wheat crop this year will be the most valuable in ten years, according to a recent statement of the Department of Agriculture at Washington.

One man was killed and about a hundred injured in clashes last week between strike-breakers and striking workers of Republican Steel plants, at Cleveland, O.

Recent statements of General Franco indicate that if his Fascist forces are successful, the monarchy will be restored in Spain—probably with Don Juan, third son of former King Alfonso in the throne.

Vanderbilt's *Ranger*, defender in the American Cup yacht races, defeated Sopwith's English challenger *Endeavor II*, by wide margins in the first two races. The cup goes to the winner of four out of seven races.

The Australian commission on banking, not very surprisingly, is opposed to nationalization of banks. A member of the former Labor administration brought in a minority report, supporting nationalization.

A determined offensive by Government forces defending Madrid drove back the Fascist forces, but reports of the last few days indicate that Franco has recaptured some of the lost ground, including Villanueva, and has also made advances on the Teruel front, between Valencia and Madrid.

The study of co-operation—its present status, factors affecting its progress, its scope, best methods of adapting services to current needs—formed the basis of addresses and discussions at the annual American Institute of Co-operation, held this year at Iowa State College. More than 1,200 attended, from 37 States and from Canada.



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The World Crisis and All That

By "DIOGENES"

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The essence of what I was trying to convey last issue is that according to people are—and the most important test of that is the nature of their relationship to each other—so shall be their economic system, their political organisation, their moral code and everything else which is theirs. In other words, certain inner, psychological conditions have to be met before you can achieve outer, economic changes. (Remember the old sentence, "Seek ye first the Kingdom (the rightness within) and all these outer things shall be added.")

Case of Russia

Take the case of Russia, for instance. There are those who will tell you that the Revolution was "inevitable" according to economic and historic laws, or that it all happened because the Russians were good Marxists. I beg leave to doubt. I believe Russia is the one country with a socialized economic life because the Slavs are the most socialized humans in the modern world. They have that kind of immediate intimacy and intuitive understanding of each other which is the necessary psychological condition for the socialization of anything. In the matter of direct truth-speaking, almost brutal as an unspoiled child's sometimes is, the Slav is at one end of the scale and the Anglo-Saxon at the other.

Or take this strange and significant matter of Social Credit. What is the psychological basis and condition for the achievement of Social Credit? Years of attempted co-operation with Social Credit groups has convinced me that it is some realisation (livingly, not just intellectually) of the new ethics of the Age of Plenty in all its difference from the previous ages of Scarcity. For an Age of Scarcity, thrift is most valuable; for an Age of Abundance, generosity is an obligation and a necessity. Both "giving" and "getting" are of the old individualist order, the order of Scarcity and Toil. "Sharing" is the new thing, and not so easy all at once. It implies a very intimate mutual understanding to make it workable.

"God is not mocked." Seeing the tangle of private power-strivings, private condemnations and private concern about security and salvation even in Social Credit movements, He can't be blamed for saying, "When they've learned to be sincere about 'Social', then will be time for me to give them a hand about 'Credit'."

But my main purpose in this issue is to try to define the form of "Collective," the pattern of human relationship, which will have the real breath of constructive life in it; remembering always that everything we find will be applicable both on the small scale of the rural committee or urban study-group and the large scale of international relations.

Why More Hope of West

Let me begin by saying that I find something far more hopeful in Canada—and in the West very much more than the East—than exists in "the Old Country." I mean your directness of speech and that resiliency of mind which makes it possible for the West to keep on experimenting after no matter how many failures until it gets what it wants. But the pearl of great price is that frankness of communication in a world grown rotten with evasions, pretences and smug "idealisms."

Look at it this way. Co-operate we MUST. It is not just "the nice thing to do"; it is the Categorical Imperative of Life itself. We are "members one of another" whether we like it or not, whether we even know it or not. And that is no longer a matter of pious hope, it is verifiable

Editorial Note.—"Diogenes" is the pen name adopted by a contributor who in Europe has been in close association with men who are making history. He is now touring Canada. In this and other articles he is free to express himself as he wishes. His views are not, of course, necessarily in all cases those of the editor. "Diogenes" will be glad to receive correspondence on the subjects he discusses.

in economics, in politics and in psychology.

Therefore, co-operation is something to which we had better bring, not our weaknesses and our reluctance. ("I'll work in with these fellows this season because I haven't a chance to do well on my own until next"); but every ounce of our will, intelligence, patience and spirit. In fact, our Selves.

"The Hour of Decision"

For the nature of any revolutionary period is that a man, or a nation, must sooner or later decide. It's the kind of age when you can't get away with temporising and for ever trying to "muddle through." Already there are some millions in Europe—some hundreds of thousands of British—who have made their decision. "Rightwards!" says one host with straight outstretched arm. "Leftwards! to the death!" shouts back the other horde, raising clenched fists. And what happens then? There's a rush for the vacant space in the Centre where people are still saying nice things about Co-operation, Commonwealth, Christian Tolerance, Democracy and Peace. A rather sickening rush, with few knowing what to do when they've got there. For they have come only to save their wretched bourgeois skins and to avoid any loss of comfort, any commitment, any of that devotion to something greater than himself which saves a man's soul.

That, my friends, is why of two North American sayings, one of them invented by Rotarian "altruists"—"Service, not Self," the other by very ordinary fellows like you and me maybe—"What do I get out of it?" my preference is all for the latter. That, I am profoundly convinced, is the only healthy starting-point for any Collective, any co-operative enterprise whatsoever. Until men—or nations—begin their getting-together with the most explicit frankness on all questions of power and self-interest, then whether it's a municipal district of a League of Nations, all its doings will be fundamentally unreal and uncreative.

There is only one real "Collective Security" and that is the security I feel when I've been convinced that the Collective is not against me, will not diminish and damp down the fine edge of my zest and initiative, but will appreciate my quality and special abilities and desire—ay, and even help me to attain my own fulfilment as a unique individual. That end can never be reached except from a beginning in which each states fearlessly and emphatically his own individual needs and ambitions.

"What do you or I get out of it?" It's a fair question and the beginning—just the beginning—of the way to add vitality to those good intentions which notoriously pave the road to Hell. Isn't it time we made that beginning? You see the armadas of Communism and of Fascism under weigh and quickening their speed, and you surely see also that the once-gallant barque of Democracy is fast sinking under its super-cargo of parasites and whitened sepulchres.

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Year	Alberta Wheat Acreage	Total Alberta Wheat Crop
1929	7,551,215	92,534,000
1930	7,164,000	147,000,000
1931	7,938,000	140,603,000
1932	8,201,000	164,000,000
1933	7,898,000	102,334,000
1934	7,501,000	112,500,000
1935	7,500,000	102,000,000
1936	7,360,000	67,000,000
1937	7,286,000	?

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AN INDUCEMENT

"I am 60 years old," said the rich man to his friend's wife. "Do you think it would be better for me to tell a certain woman whom I should like to marry that I am 50?"

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AN UNFLATTERING MIRROR OF LIFE

Warwick Farm,
Edgerton, Alberta.

Dear Farm Women:

Sometimes we have it most emphatically impressed on us that time is passing more swiftly than we realize and more swiftly than we enjoy contemplating. Possibly it may be when we attend the annual local picnic and are confronted with someone whom we thought of as still a boy or girl as we so short a time ago remember them. We are almost aghast when we discover that the years have slipped away and there they stand with their own boys and girls smiling a greeting.

Reminders of Flight of Time

There are other ways as well which give us an occasional reminder of the flight of time. I was somewhat surprised when being loaned a book "Middletown in Transition," published by Lynds, Harcourt Brace & Co., New York. I noted their previous study "Middletown, a study in Contemporary American Culture" was made in the years 1924-1925. It was very shortly after it was published, I remember, that I reviewed it in one of my letters in *The United Farmer*. Now appears their second book, a "Study in Cultural Conflicts," written ten years later, for they commenced their second study of what they had at first considered a typical American town, in 1935.

So many times since I read the first book I have wished I had a copy of my own to which I might refer, and on reading this later book I am the more desirous of re-reading it. I might say, however, the authors are usually kind enough to add footnotes or embody a part of their former comments in these later ones, so one is not entirely at sea at the discoveries they have made.

Not Always Flattering

Some people have considered these books a mirror held before us showing our civilization in a not too flattering light. In some senses, no doubt, it is. Of course, in many ways life in an American city is bound to differ very materially from life in western rural Canada. Yet there are many similarities and in some of these similarities I do not know that we can be altogether happy to admit them.

The book is a study of the whole life of the town as far as it is possible for research workers to note and compare. It is a study of the manner of making a living of the people and the all-important part it plays in the life of the people. The book discusses the different manner in which the men and women of the town spend their leisure, and in all these instances notes the difference between today and ten years ago. It discusses the press and the influence it has and how it is controlled. The part the radio plays in modern life is noted. The authors discuss also the part religion plays in the life of the community, also how it is governed.

Many Aspects of Life

The education of the young people is discussed at length, for Middletown in the intervening years has become rather an important college town rather than merely a Normal School centre. The manner in which the health of the people is cared for comes in for comment. The whole general spirit of the town as it can be estimated in regard to the various inter-

ests of life is portrayed. In fact it would be hard to find any phase of life that has been omitted.

Considering the very vital years which have elapsed between the studies—the years of depression with their all pervading influence—one is rather surprised to note how little real change has been made in the thought of the people in some of its vital phases of religion, politics, etc.

These are rather bulky books for our library, but I hope they will be added, for I am sure many of you will be interested to get this glimpse of ourselves, even if we consider it only a glimpse.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Activities of Farm

Women's Locals

Turnip Lake U.F.W.A. report that their summer dances have been most successful.

There was a large attendance at the picnic held recently by Stavely U.F.W.A.

Holding their meetings in each other's homes, Waterhole U.F.W.A. find more interest shown.

Conjuring U.F.W.A. very much enjoyed the U.F.A. Chautauqua; "it went over big here," writes Mrs. Harry Walke.

Westvale U.F.W.A. have doubled their membership this year; they made about \$30 from a recent raffle and dance.

Two years after the movement for an electric power co-operative was begun, switches were turned and power was sent through sixty miles of new lines to farm homes by the Head of the Lakes Co-operative Electric Association, south of Superior, Wisconsin.

SEASONABLE EFFECTS

When folks drop along from the city
They feel that conditions demand
An air of condolence or pity
For ladies who live on the land.
Our sun-tanned and wind-tanned
complexions,
And very impermanent waves,
Quite plainly induce some reflections
On down-trodden slaves!

But "Lo, the poor Indian" glances
Are swiftly subjected to change,
As dinner or supper advances
Revealing our menu's wide range.
By chicken-bones piled round the
edges
Of platefuls of good things we've
grown,
And blueberry pie in thick wedges,
Our riches are known!

While serving I shyly insert a
Few hints that the meals every day
On homesteads in rural Alberta
Are served in the same lavish way.
In Spring when depleted resources
Unfold quite a different tale,
The weather-man happily forces
All cars off our trail!

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

Three Hills Conference

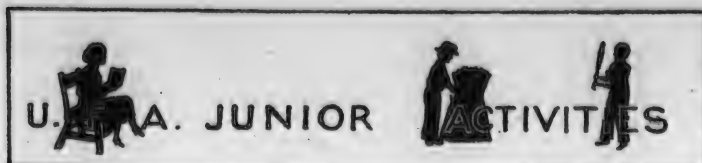
A bountiful and delicious picnic lunch at noon "broke the ice" at the recent U.F.W.A. conference at Three Hills. About fifty ladies, from the eastern part of Red Deer constituency and the northern part of Bow River, attended. Mrs. Learned presiding. Addresses were given by Mrs. Shuttleworth, new Director for Bow River, Mrs. Kerns of Acme, and Mrs. Learned, who asked support for the larger school unit, believing it to be a step in the right direction. Mrs. Burns was chosen convener of next year's Conference, and Mrs. Hughes secretary. Community singing was led by Mrs. Boles, assisted at the piano by Mrs. Stasel; readings by Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Reynolds; violin solos by Miss Doris Hau, accompanied by Mrs. Dudley; and a piano duet by Misses Catherine and Margaret Hughes, were enjoyed very much.

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THE RELATION OF THE JUNIOR U.F.A. TO THE C.C.Y.M.

By WILLIAM RUNTE, Wetaskiwin

In 1919 there were scattered throughout rural Alberta local clubs organized to enrich the social life of the community, to give those denied the privilege of going to high school an opportunity for better education, to improve the methods of farming and encourage the study of economics. Each of these clubs had different names; but all had the same purpose. It was felt by the members of the U.F.W.A. that their movement could render a real service to the rural youth of Alberta if they would do something towards banding these local groups in a Province-wide organization in the hope that it would facilitate their objective. So in that same year there came into being the Junior Branch of the United Farmers of Alberta, more commonly called the Junior U.F.A.

Contribution to Rural Life

A brief analysis of the contribution the Junior U.F.A. has made to society and its members will suffice to prove even to the most sceptical that this amalgamation of groups has offered greater advantages and done more for society than any independent or local club could ever hope to do. I venture to suggest that had it not

Farm Home and Garden

Instead of scraping new potatoes, try putting them into a strong sack, after washing, with a good handful of coarse salt. Shake well.

To store seeds, buttons, or other small commodities, save your match boxes, and glue together the outside cases, so that the boxes themselves will slide in and out like drawers in a miniature dresser. Label the ends, and attach a shoe button to each for a handle, if you want to have a really nifty little contrivance. Incidentally, it will soon be time to put away seed peas, broad beans, etc., for next year.

Raspberry Jam: Put the berries on the stove in a preserving kettle, with no water, heating gently until the juice is drawn out of the fruit, then bring to the boil and keep boiling for three or four minutes. Measure the fruit now, adding three cups of sugar for each four cups of the boiled fruit. Boil gently for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally to keep from burning. Pour into hot sterilized jars, and seal.

Pickled Eggs: Hard-cook eggs—12 to 16 will go into a quart sealer—by immersing them in boiling water and setting on the back of the stove for 20 minutes. Shell, and pack into sealer. Simmer together for 8 minutes 2 cups mild cider vinegar, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon pickling spice. Strain, and pour over the eggs; seal, and set away for a day or two before using.

Beets with Harvard Sauce: Boil and peel young beets. Arrange in a dish, then pour over them a sauce made of half a cup of sugar mixed with half a teaspoon of cornstarch, and boiled with half a cup of vinegar for five minutes.

Easy Ginger Snaps: 1 cup syrup, 2 cups brown sugar, 2/3 cup butter, 2 eggs, 4 cups flour, 1 teaspoon bicarbonate soda, 2 teaspoons ginger, 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Boil together sugar, butter and syrup. Pour over the soda dissolved in a little hot water and stir. Cool slightly, add eggs and then flour and spices sifted together. Let the mixture get quite cool before rolling. Bake in a moderate oven.

been for the Junior U.F.A. sending an organizer, many a locality would have gone without an organization of any kind, as the number of Junior Locals was far larger than the number of local clubs ever was.

The social life of the community was enriched by local entertainments and by the Juniors assisting in the building of community halls, etc., plus the exchange features which only the Juniors offered. The education of the Junior U.F.A. members has been improved by inter-local debates, a Province-wide essay contest and a public speaking contest held at the University of Alberta each year. Many Locals have set up their own libraries and books have been exchanged from Local to Local.

The Junior Page

Besides conducting a local paper, the Junior U.F.A. has enjoyed a page in the monthly U.F.A. which was kept up in the weekly when the paper was published every week under the name of the *United Farmer*. When Mr. Smith, editor of both former papers, and Miss Turner, former advertising manager, took it upon themselves to keep the flag of the organized farmers flying in the field of journalism, the Junior U.F.A. was given this page. There was also organized at the University of Alberta, Farm Young People's Week, which has brought close to 3000 young farm people in direct contact with the University of Alberta and given them valuable short courses. These delegates have in turn reported to their home Locals, so it would be difficult to imagine how many have benefitted from this week; but the number must be very large.

The Junior U.F.A. also makes a brief report of the week which can be had by any one sending a dime to the Central Office in the Renfrew Building, Calgary, so that those who find it impossible to attend or hear a delegate's report can at least in a small degree benefit.

Livestock, Grain and Alfalfa Clubs

The sponsoring of livestock, grain and alfalfa clubs has encouraged the raising of better livestock, resulted in the sowing of purer seed grain and introduced (in the northern part at least) the finest of all legumes, alfalfa. These are just a few of the things which the members of this organization have enjoyed.

Before going any further I wish to quote the words of Mr. E. A. Corbett, former director of the Extension Department, University of Alberta, and now director for adult education. In giving his last farewell address at Farm Young People's Week, Mr. Corbett said, "Personally I know of no finer or better form of adult education than that carried on by your organization, the Junior U.F.A." Mr. Corbett had no reason in the world for saying these things had he not become convinced of their truth by the association with the Juniors at their conferences and noted the improvement from year to year.

Larger Opportunity

In its study of economics the Junior U.F.A. has long felt the need of a new social order and realized its responsibilities in helping to build it. But when it came to dealing with these matters the members found that just as the local clubs were too small and narrow to accomplish what they set out to do, so was the Junior U.F.A. too narrow to deal with questions affecting Canadian Youth; so when the C.C.Y.M. was formed the Junior

Junior News Items

At the Macleod constituency rally, Gordon Sinclair, of Vulcan, was elected Junior Director.

George Thring, of Coronation, was elected Junior Director for Acadia, at the recent constituency convention.

Willow Springs Juniors have now a membership of over twenty. They made \$13.50 from their dance in the Bon Accord hall.

John Morris, Junior Director, recently spoke to Magnolia Juniors, and was also invited to speak at the Pembina convention, at Lac La Nonne.

Dalemead Juniors heard fine reports, at their last meeting, from Florence Wheeler and Woodrow Nelson, delegates to the Junior Conference, after which arrangements were made for the tennis tournament and for the Junior dance.

The first coat of kalsomine in twenty years was put on the U.F.A. hall recently by Federal Juniors. This Local sent two delegates to the Acadia constituency convention, and two contestants in the public speaking contest—James Charter and George Thring, who were placed third and fourth respectively.

A very interesting and lively conference was held by the Juniors in Wetaskiwin constituency recently; "Mrs. Ross, Bill Runte and Carl Unterschultz were responsible for most of its success," writes Blanche Paulsen, Junior Director. The young people decided to ask C.C.Y.M. members to attend the next conference, on the same basis as U.F.A. Juniors; and a resolution was passed, for presentation at the 1938 Junior Conference, proposing a joint annual Provincial convention of the two affiliated bodies.

SAFETY FIRST

Traffic Cop: "Lady, don't you know this is a safety zone?"
Woman Driver: "Of course, I know; that's why I drove in here."

U.F.A. proposed an affiliation plan in order that it could retain its identity and enjoy the advantages which its members have enjoyed for almost two decades plus the greater opportunity which is offered them in becoming part of a national movement in setting up the new social order.

For Urban Young People

This proposal was accepted by the C.C.Y.M. and consequently a club section of the C.C.Y.M. was organized in the urban centers of the Province along the same lines as the Junior U.F.A. is organized in the country. The C.C.Y.M. club section offers to every urban boy or girl an opportunity to assist in the establishing of the Co-operative Commonwealth. The Junior U.F.A. offers the same to every rural youth. The affiliation of these two groups constitutes the Alberta section of the Co-operative Commonwealth Youth Movement, whose purpose is to educate and unite the youth of Canada with a view to the establishment of a Co-operative Commonwealth.

Still Junior U.F.A.

That, then, is our relation to the C.C.Y.M. We are still Junior U.F.A., still enjoying the opportunities afforded by that movement in the past. What concerns us as a farmers' youth movement will be done by us. It is only in the greater task of bringing about a just and sane social order that we throw in our lot with the C.C.Y.M.

Just as the local clubs carried on their local activity as clubs and gained many advantages by becoming part of a Provincial organization, so shall we (after doing what we can as the Junior U.F.A.) achieve greater advantages and realize our objective more speedily and effectively in the fuller and wider life as part of a national movement.

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"MUSTARD AND CRESS" GIVES LOWDOWN ON MAPLE LEAF PICNIC

By SYDNEY MAY

We beg to report that Mustard and Cress was invited on Saturday last to attend the picnic of the Maple Leaf Petroleum Limited. We went. Of course we took along the staff of *The Western Farm Leader*, including Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp. The U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association staff were active participants in the fray.

As the event was held at Turner Valley, you will gather, gentle reader, that it proved to be a little bit of oil right. In fact, things went as smoothly as the products of the Maple Leaf Petroleum Limited, and that's saying plenty.

Jupiter Pluvius tried to frown on the gathering, but was given the bum's rush and headed straight back to Calgary and stayed there quite a time.

Most of the boys and gals disported their graceful forms in the old swimming hole, after which the ladies of the aggregation served refreshments in the shape of salads, sandwiches, pop, ice cream and fruit. And, believe you me, it was some provender. Even Wally, our incurable bach, was heard to remark that if he could meet a gal who could dish up grub like that he wouldn't mind taking the plunge.

Races for the children from six to ninety followed the lunch, dinner or supper, whichever you like to call it, but we are bound to admit that the staying power of the older children was greatly reduced owing to extra internal weight they were carrying.

The afternoon's events wound up with a mixed baseball match in which the sweet young things showed that they could make a hit with something else besides the boys.

It required two umpires to see the game through, and the pity is that there wasn't a movie photographer from Hollywood present. Several ladies and gents would have become comedy stars right away.

The arrangements for this most enjoyable event were in the hands of a committee consisting of Mr. Wallace, Misses Margaret Mayell, Mary Higgins and Alice Jenkins.

More in the next issue of Mustard and Cress.

Goes to Washington University

Wilson Kerns, of Acme, well-known young Alberta athlete, has gone to Tacoma, Washington, where he expects to enter the State University. Wilson, an all-round athlete, took three firsts at the Highland Games recently, won the cup at University Week last year and won the open mile and half-mile for boys under 18 at Wetaskiwin.

ADDRESS SUPPRESSED

An address by H. M. Kallen, on co-operation and labor problems, before the National Education Association at Detroit recently, is not being given publicity in the official reports, states a despatch from New York. Not only so, but it is charged by Professor W. H. Kilpatrick, of Columbia University, that several speakers of radical tendency were squeezed out of the program to make room for four appearances by W. J. Cameron, apologist for big industry and reputed mouthpiece of Henry Ford.

Crop Conditions in Alberta

(Contributed)

A heavy rain fell in Southern Alberta over the past week-end, extending north to Edmonton and blanketing the entire south. The following record of precipitation at individual points gives an idea of the amount of precipitation in the area covered.

Medicine Hat.....	.70 inches
Lethbridge.....	.64 "
Foremost.....	.44 "
Macleod.....	1.50 "
Drumheller.....	.84 "
Coronation.....	.68 "
Calgary.....	1.66 "
Edmonton.....	.21 "

The general rain experienced will be of some benefit to late grain in the south and will help the filling process, but it will not do a great deal to improve the yield. Subsoil moisture, which has been seriously depleted, will be restored to some extent.

Harvesting with headers has started at many points in the southeastern part of the Province. Cutting is expected to be general over the entire Province by the 15th of August.

On the whole the crop in Alberta will be very spotty, but the rains that arrived too late to boost the yield appreciably aided substantially in preserving the crop and preventing deterioration.

It is probable that Alberta's crop will be anywhere between 65 and 75 million bushels. Last year's production was 67 million bushels.

TREND OF PRICES

The Winnipeg market has been weak, principally because of the bearish influence of the large United States crop and the lack of demand from Europe. The Canadian situation has been pretty well discounted in world markets and there is no immediate alarm over the possibilities of a shortage. Immense importance is now being laid on the prospects in the southern hemisphere. Should damage reports appear concerning the condition of the crops in Argentina and Australia the effect will be extremely bullish. On the contrary, a big crop in the southern hemisphere will provide sufficient surplus to meet the needs of the importing countries.

At the same time it must be recognized that the supply and demand situation is very nicely balanced and there appears no substantial reason why prices should continue long in the downward course.

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Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Aug. 3rd.—The cattle market has been active, closing up to fifty cents higher for the week. Hogs are 25c higher with selects \$10.25, hams \$9.75 and butchers \$9.25 off trucks. Good butcher steers are \$7 to \$7.50, common to medium \$2.50 to \$6.50; good heifers \$5 to \$6, common to medium \$2.50 to \$4.50. Good cows are at \$3.50 to \$4.25; good bulls \$3 to \$3.50. Medium fed calves are \$5.50 to \$6.25; good veal calves \$4.50 to \$5.50. Good stocker and feeder steers are \$3.50 to \$5; common \$2 to \$3.25; good stock cows and heifers \$2.50 to \$3.50, common \$1.50 to \$2.25.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Aug. 3rd.—The market as a whole is showing considerable action with prices remaining steady. Good choice steers are \$6 to \$7 with odd tops to \$7.50, medium \$5 to \$5.50, common to fair \$3 to \$4.50. Good choice butcher heifers are \$5 to \$6, common to medium \$3 to \$4.50; good cows \$3.25 to \$3.75; canners and cutters \$1.25 to \$1.75; bulls \$2 to \$3. Good stockers are \$3.25 to \$4; stocker heifers \$1.75 to \$2.50. Good to choice calves are \$5 to \$5.50, other kinds from \$4.50 down. The hog market is showing signs of strength with selects at \$10.10, hams \$9.60 and butchers \$9.10 off trucks. Lambs are selling from \$7.50 down, yearlings \$3.50 down and ewes \$2.50 down.

Milk and Cream Prices

CALGARY AND EDMONTON

Eastern and western butter markets have been rather quiet during the past week while odd sales were made the first part of the week at 27c. The market turned slightly easier in Montreal and since that time there has been very little movement in the east. In July of last year approximately 1-3/4 million pounds of butter was exported while this year there has been no exporting. It is questionable if production will be down to consumption sufficiently to overcome the lack of export. The local market remains unchanged at last week's quotations. Butterfat deliveries show little change from those of the past month. Churn cream is based on 24c per pound for special grade delivered Calgary and Edmonton. City milk is \$2.35 per cwt. Calgary and \$2.23 Edmonton for 3.6 butter fat. Table cream 32c at both Calgary and Edmonton.

Beef Prices on Hoof and in Butcher Shop

The relation of the price of beef in the butcher shop to the price of beef on the hoof is often puzzling to those particularly interested, and a study of the following table (compiled by the Industrial and Development Council of Canadian Meat Packers, Toronto) will add to their bewilderment:

Year	Price per lb. good steers, at Toronto, average	Price per lb. sirloin steaks, medium quality, May 1st
1928	10.48	35.2
1930	8.97	40.7
1932	5.23	28.
1934	4.85	26.
1936	5.09	25.4

Just why the margin should vary from 21 to 31 cents is a question, apart from the matter of the size of the margin itself.

Fodder supplies are low in many parts of the dry areas, and relief shipments will be necessary to prevent sacrifice slaughter of livestock. Arrangements for three-way free freight for fodder are pending.

The Alberta Government has protested to Premier Patterson of Saskatchewan that too large a number of families are moving into Alberta from the dry areas of the sister Province.

No Change in Wheat Board Policy

McIvor Succeeds Murray—Board Unlikely to Get Any Wheat—Pool Regrets Policy

James R. Murray, chairman of the Federal Wheat Board, resigned last week and was succeeded by George McIvor, vice-chairman. R. C. Findlay, formerly with the Canadian Wheat Pool and latterly an employee of the Wheat Board, was appointed to fill the vacancy. The third member is Dean A. M. Shaw.

The Board will be operated this year in the same manner as it was last year. That means that no wheat will be accepted until the price goes to 90c and then the initial price will be 87-1/2c. There is little immediate prospect of wheat prices going that low and consequently the Board will not get any wheat.

The board of directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool in commenting on the announcement regarding the Wheat Board, expressed regret that a change had not been made in order to permit farmers to deliver their wheat freely at any time to the Board. The explanation given from government sources was that this policy was a temporary one. A permanent policy will be developed following the report of the Turgeon Royal Grain Inquiry Commission.

Correspondence

WARNING FROM BUSH COUNTRY

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

As a subscriber to your paper I would be thankful if you would give me room to voice my advice to the optimists who contemplate making a home in the bush country. I think a timely warning advisable.

Few realize the toil and hardship, not to speak of the solid work that goes to the making of one of these homesteads. There are the natural hardships—the doing without this and that which have previously been accounted necessities—the stumps—the muskeg—the flies, and so on, but even greater is the hardship caused by crop failure.

In 1935 a killing frost hit this country in August, taking all; in 1936 myself and many others were hailed out; this year, at the time when I write, we have had no rain and the crops are likely to be dried out.

In this district, composed largely of returned soldiers, many have not the means to meet the demands of the tax gatherer and so must expect eviction. A Tax Sale is advertised to take place October 25th, 1937, and how under the circumstances I have outlined can a man be expected to find so large a sum of money. Many of us old soldiers are getting up in years and whether in the making of farms or fighting of battles, we have given our best years to our country.

I have never asked relief, but this is not held in my favor. Last year, there was road work to be had in this district. I applied only to be turned away, because I was not on relief. Yet I was struggling against adversity as much as any one; and so I say, "Be Warned" against giving your life to hew out a farm for another to till.

Yours etc.,

PETER BACON,

THE CO-OPERATIVE WAY

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

There seems to be a great desire on the part of the people to try and find some solution of our problem by some form of co-operation, and with this in mind I would like to express my views to the members.

I think we are all agreed there is something wrong with our social set up. Many will agree the root is rotten, but as evolution works slowly,

Veterinary Questions and Answers

Questions on the care of animals in illness will be answered in this column from issue to issue by a graduate veterinarian with 25 years' experience in practice in Alberta. Every paid-up subscriber to *The Western Farm Leader* is entitled to have a question answered. The subscription is One Dollar per year.

Advise Against Operating

Morinville, Alta.—Have very nice six-year-old mare. On the bottom of the bony ring that surrounds the birthway is a two-inch long bony point the size of a finger, standing straight up in the passage of the birthway. As she is a very well built mare, do you advise to operate on this in order to use her for breeding?

Answer: Would not advise operation in this case. This may not give any trouble in breeding mare.

Lack of Control

Girouxville, Alta.—What can be done with a one-year-old colt that can not control its hind part?

Answer: Have the following made up at drug store. Potassium Iodide 1-1/2 ounces, water to make 12 ounces, and give one tablespoonful in a little chop twice daily.

May Be Lack of Minerals

Turin, Alta.—Have a cow that calved early last spring and since then has come in heat several times, but is not with calf, although have taken her to good bull. This cow is three years old, has plenty of salt and water and in good condition. Please advise.

Answer: This condition is very often caused by a lack of proper minerals in feed, or an over acid condition in the vagina. Would advise feeding a good mineral mixture.

we must be sure that the planting of the new growth is done by those who know healthy plants from decayed ones.

If the competitive system is the cause of rotting, and if the fungus has entered into every branch of the tree, would it not be wise to try and get rid of this disease first? The powers that be act as a hurricane, hardening the sturdy oak and destroying the new growth. Can these powers be altered to so act as a ray of sunshine after an April shower? Personally, I believe they can, by starting a new system of one with another dealing on a co-operative basis, entering the field wherever we feel we can master the hurricane, each new growth helping to protect each other, until we find the day has arrived when the rain comes and the sun shines, and all are rushing to feel its rays.

What Co-operative Way Is

The co-operative way is not as some would like to have it, saving 5c here and 10c there, but a new way of life, subordinating self for the whole in a voluntary way, discarding the Dog eat Dog for Each for All and All for Each.

If we are willing to carry co-operation (Continued on page 13)

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Readers' Forum on C.C.F. Program

Readers Are Invited to Express Their Views

We continue below our Readers' Forum on the C.C.F. Draft Provincial Program. Several important letters on this subject and on the general policy of the U.F.A. in reference to political action, are held over and will be published in later issues.

GREAT VALUE IN PROGRAM

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

I have been very much interested in the Readers' Forum on the Provincial C.C.F. Program, and wish to congratulate the Five Mile U.F.A. Local at Claresholm for their deep and personal study of the program and its problems.

The comments by Mr. W. J. Harper are very helpful, and ably demonstrate the consideration given this matter. The secretary of the Edberg U.F.A. Local and Mr. A. Lunan of Fort Saskatchewan, and also others have contributed valuable and constructive criticism of this timely and important document. It is hoped that this interest will be shown by a larger number of U.F.A. Locals, C.C.F. Clubs and labor units.

Upon the whole, I feel that I cannot offer much criticism of the program. I believe it is elastic enough to embrace most of the points suggested by amendment. When brevity is an important factor, detail need not be enlarged upon. The economic and political horizon changes almost daily. Experience and circumstances continually alter procedure, and no one wishes to be tied down to a definite schedule.

Co-operation Between Groups

The valuable and important feature of the program as I see it, is the fact that it outlines so ably the common ground on which the farmer and laborer can mutually work together. This unity is so imperative in order to have a reasonable chance at all of us emancipating ourselves. A great deal can be accomplished under the agriculture subheading "Marketing" to

the end that not only producer and consumer co-operatives should be established, but the co-operative organization of processing plants as well, in order to save the necessity of farm products and manufactured articles insofar as possible having to pass through the hands of private profit seeking corporations.

Unity is the paramount requisite. First among farmers themselves through their organization the U. F. A., then between units affiliated with the C.C.F.

The political situation in this Province during the past three years has tended to disrupt dangerously the former unified ranks of farmers. To let this continue would be nothing short of disastrous. Sound and solid organization as an agricultural unit is essential. Labor is now engaged in a more intensive effort than ever before to organize, particularly in the East. It behooves the farmer to do likewise.

Farmer in Better Position

Then from some quarters comes a complaint that because of the U.F.A. having affiliated with the C.C.F., certain ones are hesitant to renew or continue membership. It is only in the political realm that the former status of the U.F.A. is in the least affected. By its affiliation with the C.C.F., I feel that the farmer is in a far better position to accomplish favorable legislation. After all, do not the C.C.F. programs, both Provincial and Federal, with the exception of a few labor clauses, embody almost exactly the resolutions and other aims passed at U.F.A. Convention after Convention during the past thirty years? I feel that labor would have more grounds for complaint in this respect than the U.F.A.

Alternative Programs

I would like to see two Provincial programs placed before us; one like the present one, going just as far as possible while under a capitalist Government at Ottawa, and the other in line with the Federal C.C.F. program, outlining what could be done Provincially, under a C.C.F. Government at Ottawa, with the Senate abolished

best way to find love and happiness for all the people.

I think all our commercial undertakings should support the parent organization, and were we strong enough to weld public opinion, and they realized we were the means of keeping them alive, they would not hesitate to help carry on this necessary work of keeping themselves healthy. Wishing your paper every success.

Yours sincerely,

B. C. LEES.

10708-84th Ave., Edmonton.

CREDIT DUE MISS ARCHIBALD

Chancellor, Alta.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

On reading your last issue I notice an account of seven meetings held in the Medicine Hat constituency, in which Miss M. Archibald, Junior President, Mrs. Carl Anderson, U.F.A. Director, and myself took part. Your report gave me undue credit for organizing the four new Junior Locals. I would like to give the credit to Miss Archibald to whom it rightfully belongs.

Wishing your valuable paper every success.

Yours truly,

J. M. WHEATLEY,
U.F.A. Director for
Medicine Hat.

REHABILITATION OF DROUGHT AREAS DEMANDED BY C.C.F.

National Convention Stresses
Organizational Work—Woods-
worth President, Gardiner
on Council

Financing and organization problems were recognized as of paramount importance to the life of the C.C.F., at the recent annual convention, held in Winnipeg. Plans were made which it is believed will result in increased growth and vigor of the movement.

A budget of \$19,000, including \$15,000 for salaries and expenses of organizers, was set up and the National Council was asked to set up a finance committee to raise money by a campaign similar to that now being carried on in Ontario.

Drought Areas Problems

Considerable attention was devoted to the problems presented by the drought areas of the Prairie Provinces, and resolutions were passed calling upon the Federal Government to start immediately on permanent rehabilitation projects, and also to prevent forced sales of grain and livestock at sacrifice prices.

On the policy of the C.C.F., as it affects agriculture, the Convention approved of a draft program of five clauses, covering support of a national Wheat Board; negotiation of trade agreements to ensure a larger market for primary products; export boards to control the marketing of agricultural produce and to build up price stabilization reserves; support of Provincial debt reduction legislation; legislation to give security of tenure to farmers.

Sympathy With Spain

The Convention passed a resolution of sympathy with Spain, demanding an end to the farce of non-intervention, and that the Government should be permitted to buy war munitions. Without discussion, resolutions asking for a "united front" were turned down.

Mr. Woodsworth's suggestion of the establishing of a national newspaper was referred to a committee for investigation.

Having been both party house leader and chairman of the C.C.F. since its organization five years ago, Mr. Woodsworth asked to be relieved of one of these duties. He was elected president, and M. J. Coldwell, M.P., made executive chairman. J. King Gordon is vice-president, E. J. Garland continues as national organizer and David Lewis national secretary. Other members at large of the national council are, T. C. Douglas, M.P., Miss Beatrice Bridgen, Winnipeg, Professor F. R. Scott and Mrs. Grace MacInnis.

The National Council also includes three representatives of each Province (the Maritimes being considered as one) and Alberta's representatives are Miss Mary Crawford, Robert Gardiner and William Irvine.

and the B.N.A. Act amended in keeping with today's problems.

It is difficult for us in the country to know sufficiently well, the powers of a Province to plan and negotiate C.C.F. legislation.

First essential is unity; then our success is assured.

J. H. COLDWELL.

Kathryn, Alta.

PEACE RIVER CONVENTION

On Tuesday, August 10th, at Rycroft, the annual convention of the Peace River Federal Constituency Association of the U.F.A. will be held, commencing at 10 a.m. The convention call has been issued by the secretary, Wm. Rigby.

A coroner's jury of unemployed ex-servicemen, in Chicago, brought in a verdict of "justifiable homicide" in the case of ten steel strikers shot by police on May 30th—this in spite of the fact that none of the strikers carried firearms.

Thousand Persons at Gooseberry Lake

Attended by approximately a thousand people, the Gooseberry Lake U.F.A. Rally and Convention, held for four days, from July 29th to August 1st inclusive, was a demonstration of enthusiastic support of the farm movement. The last two days were marked by cold wet weather, (which was welcome though too late to save the crops) or a much larger attendance would have been recorded.

The Coronation U.F.A. Constituency Co-operative held its annual meeting, attended by 14 delegates, and the delegates to the general constituency convention numbered 21. This convention defeated by an overwhelming majority a resolution proposing amendment of the constitution to provide for cessation of political activity by the constituency association.

Speakers included President Gardiner, Vice-President Priestley (who spoke on Sunday) and E. W. Brunsden, secretary of the Alberta Co-operative Council. For the moving pictures shown on Saturday the pavilion was too small to accommodate the crowd wishing to attend.

George N. Johnston, formerly speaker of the Legislature, who has given many years of faithful service to the U.F.A., resigned from the constituency board.

A regular feature of all Gooseberry Lake rallies is the pageant presented by the Juniors. This year the usual high standard was maintained, the subject being the Coronation.

CHAUTAUQUA SUCCESSFUL

With but few exceptions (where attendance was disappointing) a most gratifying welcome was extended to the U.F.A. Chautauqua troupe which visited points in Wetaskiwin constituency last month.

The Chautauqua was carried out by Mrs. Ray Carter and H. E. Heath, directors of the constituency.

Those taking part in the programs included, as lecturers: J. E. Brownlee, K.C.; Dr. C. F. McNally, Deputy Minister of Education; F. T. Cook, public health lecturer; Dean W. H. Alexander of the University; Norman F. Priestley, and R. M. McCool.

The soloists were Miss Winnifred Ellston, L.R.S.M., twice winner of the Stutbury cup; Mrs. A. B. Mitchell, Mrs. H. E. Heath and H. E. Heath; and the painists Miss Betty Gutierrez of Radio CJCA and Mrs. Woody. Misses Ruth Cares and Marjorie Sedgewick of Edmonton, and little Misses Bunny Heath and Betty Craigen of Lacombe, gave dance numbers, and Mrs. Ray Carter and George Marshall readings.

"Babooshka," a Russian legend, was presented by Edmonton Central United Church players and "Glorious and Free" by the Clive Dramatic Group.

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The mirth and melody of CFAC's "Funfest" sponsored by the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, continues to ring over the air-waves each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 10:30, in a fashion deservedly upholding its claim as a "bright spot on the morning schedule." Johnny Murray, who is perhaps better known for his work in connection with NBC's "Hollywood Hotel," has gathered about him a host of fund dispensers whose antics in wholesome foolishness combined with vocal and instrumental melodies, round a quarter-hour of nicely balanced entertainment.

A tip to the ladies—lay aside your dust-pan and broom during your morning chores and join your neighbor as a "Funfest" fan!

A GOOD LITTLE GUESSER

"My dear," exclaimed the husband when he arrived home late and found his wife waiting for him, "you'd never guess where I have been tonight." "Oh, yes I can," replied his wife, "but go on with your story, anyway."

RESOURCE

A doctor had an urgent phone call from a gentleman saying his small son had swallowed his fountain pen.

"All right!—I'll come at once," replied the doctor. "What are you doing in the meantime?"

Came the answer, "Using a pencil."



By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

After listening to the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King broadcast over the air for 45 minutes, telling us all about Europe and nothing about Canada, this column has come to the conclusion that "foreign policy" is a bogey raised by governments in order to focus the eyes of the people on distant horizons so that they will fail to see the mess the professional politicians have made of things at home.

And a whole flock of orchids to Mrs. Crawford Vaughan, wife of the former premier of South Australia, for her broadcast from Vancouver on British and American co-operation in the cause of peace. The strongest indictment against the merchants of Death and their political supporters we have yet heard. All honor to the Women's Pan-Pacific conference for their fine work.

AS EEMING CONTRADICTION

*As comes the day with golden key
To ope the gates of sleep,
So Love came to the heart of me
In solitary keep.*

*As binds the night its chain of stars
About the drowsy day,
Love bound my heart with welcome bars,
Then threw the key away.*

*For Love can set a lover free
To drink of joy his fill;
Yet wheresoever he may be
Can keep him captive still.*

Subject of a recent sermon topic down in those good old United States: "When will the last trump sound?" But why worry about a little thing like that? CFAC's bound to broadcast it, anyhow.

According to news dispatches, since the return of the wet era to the U.S., moonshining has been on the down grade. Yep, but the monkey shines are just as prevalent as ever.

We hear that radio announcers in Canada are to be checked up on their English pronunciation. We're

More "Hoe-Downs" Are Promised for Monday Evening Show on C.F.A.C.

"Eveready Music Makers" Program Announced Interesting Features Promised

More melody in the good old-fashioned hoe-down style and songs dear to the hearts of lovers of mountain music, are promised the air-waves when CFAC's "Eveready Music Makers" take over the microphone for their Monday stanza at 9:30 p.m.

The boys' opening number will be to the strains of that ever-welcome top tune, "Travelling Back to Georgia", this number to be followed by the vocal trio, "Three Boys," in a mighty pleasing interpretation of "Rock Me to Sleep." Darling Betsy White, southern songbird who is winning wide acclaim among her Central and Southern Alberta listeners, will be featured in "Blue Ridge Mountain Blues." Other numbers scheduled for Monday are, "Mary and Me," and "Maw, Paw and Me." "Eveready Music Makers" is a three-times weekly presentation of the Canadian National Carbon Company, and is heard each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening over CFAC at 9:30 o'clock.

Operator 13—whether lucky or unlucky that is the name given to CFAC's only feminine operator, little Mayette Robson. Mayette was born in Winnipeg in 19?? (she refuses to tell) and resided there for eight years, then to Montreal for another three and one-half years, and finally came to Calgary where she has stayed ever since. She was educated at Hillhurst Public and Crescent Heights High Schools in Calgary. Since she left school Mayette has taken a great interest in radio and has worked hard to become an expert. Her sports and pastimes are golf, tennis, dancing, and we believe the young gentleman who lives next door.

Mayette hits the air waves on the Morning Bulletin Board, giving Personality Pointers and the Latest in Styles. But it is in the afternoon that she really takes the lead, for she sits in at the console of the Control Room and operates the Woman's Magazine of the Air—handling microphones and turntables like a veteran as well as doing her share of the news items. And so we salute Alberta's only known female Operator, Mayette Robson, Operator 13.

not surprised. The other night we heard one station talking about the He-mally-an mountains and another guy from the same outfit referring to the oh-ridge-in of something or other.

And after that we came to the conclusion that it was a waste of time to reprove Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, for the way she says "Willyagittelloutoore!"

CAN THIS BE TRUE?

Communication from Mister Gloom says that if radio listeners were to judge the quality of the goods by the programs sponsored by some of the advertisers the depression would last for ever.

Oh, well, Gloomy, there's always THE WESTERN FARM LEADER for up to the minute merchants to depend upon.

"Girls Become Ardent Collectors"—headline. That's not news. Married men found that out the first pay day after the wedding, declares Wally, our incurable bach.

AH, LITERATURE!

First Lady: I wonder why they call this a library. You can hardly get any selection of real literature here.

Second Lady: You are quite right,

SPORT

Sandy Somerville was the victor at the Canadian Amateur Golf Tournament held last week in Ottawa. He defeated Phil Farley of Montreal two up and one to go in the final event. Somerville, who hails from London, Ontario, has won the title on five previous occasions and once won the amateur championship of the United States.

The New York Yankees have spread-eagled the field in the American League race and should win pulled up. There isn't another club in the league in the same class as the Men of McCarthy. In the National League the battle is a little closer, but the Chicago Cubs are gradually forging ahead.

Rogers Hornsby, manager of the St. Louis Browns, has been supplanted by Jim Bottomley. The Browns are a terrible ball club, but it is suspected that Hornsby's proclivities for betting on horses was the reason for his dismissal. Commissioner Landis, the czar of baseball, has stated that he is going to investigate the extent of ball players gambling on the ponies.

The Edmonton Civics were eliminated in the playdowns for the Dominion football championship by a young and aggressive Vancouver team who defeated the Edmonton boys in two games played in Calgary. The Alberta champions put up a creditable game but the Coast boys were too well-trained and too fast. The Dominion finals were played in Winnipeg between Vancouver and Ulster United of Toronto, and Vancouver won the final game 3 to 2.

The St. Louis Cardinals, early picked for the league championship, have turned out to be the biggest flop of the year. Reports say that the team is the worst that has represented St. Louis in the National League in a decade. Frisch may lose his managerial job as a result of the St. Louis showing.

In fact a lot of managers in the big leagues are slated for the ashcan. Dressen is likely to go in Cincinnati, Grimm is likely to be supplanted by Hartnett in Chicago, Harris is in trouble in Washington and Grimes is uncertain in Brooklyn and Pittsburgh will probably let out Traynor.

my dear. Do you know I've never been able to find a single copy of Ethel M. Dell or Bertha Clay. I don't believe they have any.

—Actually overheard in the Calgary Public Library.

And believe it or not, folks, these two ladies were standing in front of a shelf devoted to the works of one, William Shakespeare. Ah, well, even we have got to admit that Bill wasn't in the same class as Bertha and Ethel.

And no doubt, while Mr. Alex. Calhoun, Calgary's Public Librarian, who is courtesy personified, is relegating Mr. Shakespeare to the Attic, in response to this serious complaint of the ladies, and replacing the Stratford Bard's puny efforts with the enlightening tomes of Bertha and Ethel aforesaid, he will also add a volume or two of Deadwood Dick et al. This column too likes to read good literature and our copy of The Western Farm Leader only lasts a few hours.

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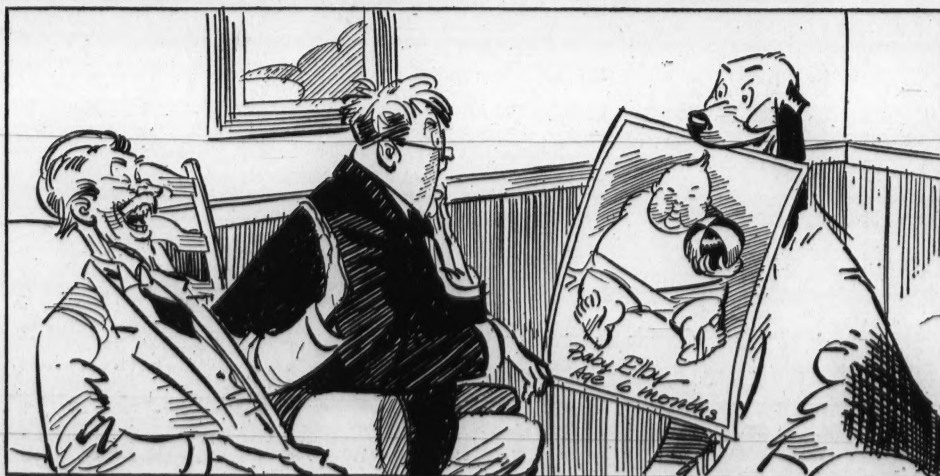
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PICTURES OF CURRENT NEWS INTEREST

Chinese Defending Their Former Capital



Chinese troops, *above*, are shown in trenches near Peiping, defending their former capital against Japanese forces. Last Thursday the Japanese fought their way into the city and have since encircled it, closing its gates and confining its inmates, including foreign residents. They have also captured Tientsin. Reinforcements for the 25,000 Japanese now reported in the area are being brought in, as well as military planes and tanks, and Chiang-Kai-Shek is mobilizing 50,000 of the best troops of his central army against them. They are seen fighting to retain the famous Marco Polo bridge, named in honor of the European explorer seven hundred years ago, because he had admired it.

Soldier of "Big Sword" Battalion



The Chinese trooper, *above*, belongs to one of the "big sword" battalions. The huge cutlass on his back is the weapon that gives the name to these troops, and was used effectively in the early stages of the struggle against the Japanese invaders.

Western Boy Leads Family to Ontario



Elmer Dufton, 21-year-old farmer from Saskatchewan, went to Ontario as his family's advance guard when rust, grasshoppers and drought made conditions on their prairie farm uncontrollable. Now employed as a farmhand near Thorndale, Ont., he has learned that his family is trekking east to join him in the East.

Mahatma Again in Limelight

Although he is still not a member of the All-India Congress, Mahatma Gandhi, *right*, swayed it powerfully in its recent sessions. The Congress members who have a majority in many of the states legislatures formed under the new constitution, reversed their previous decision not to participate in government.

